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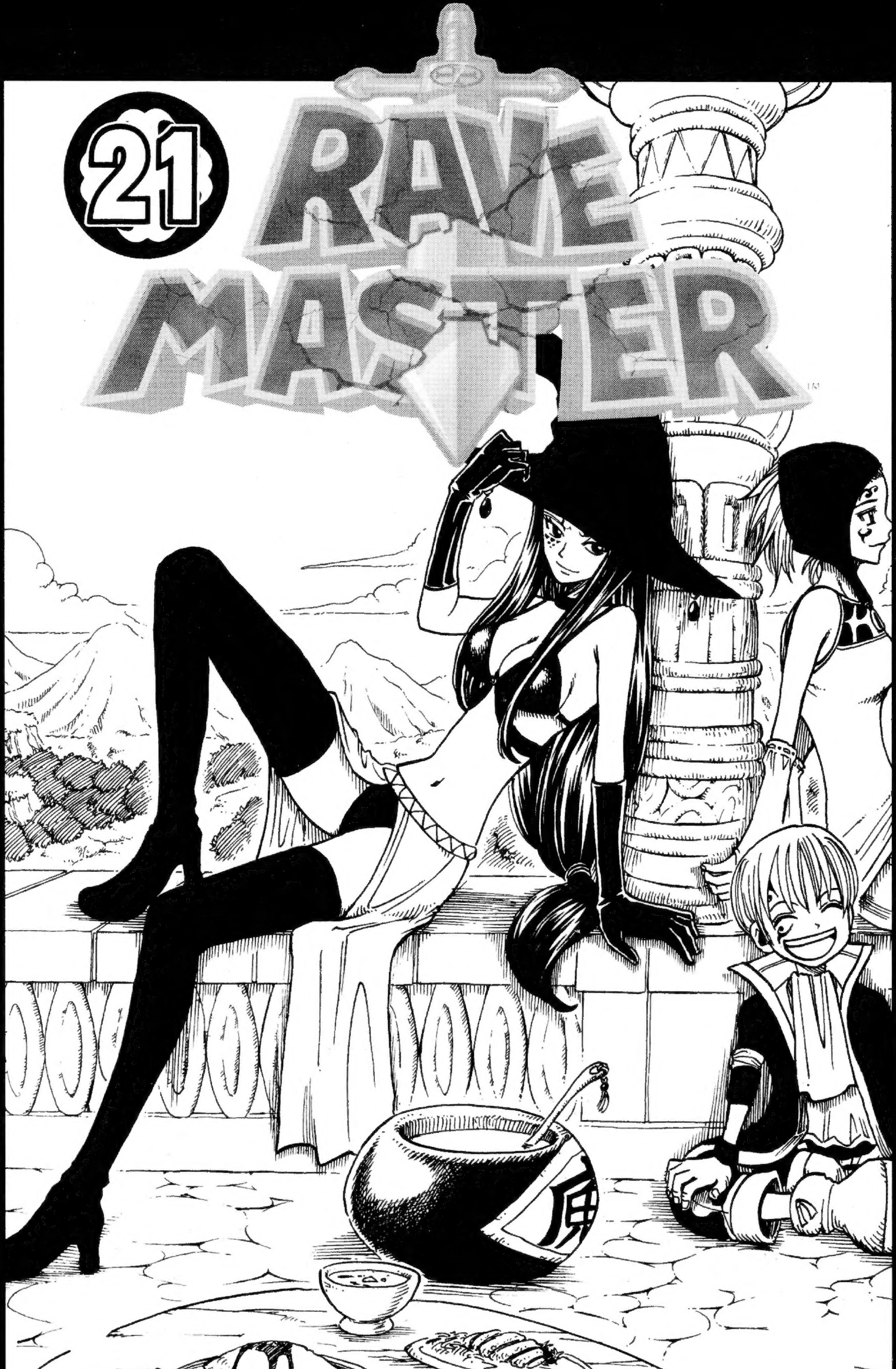
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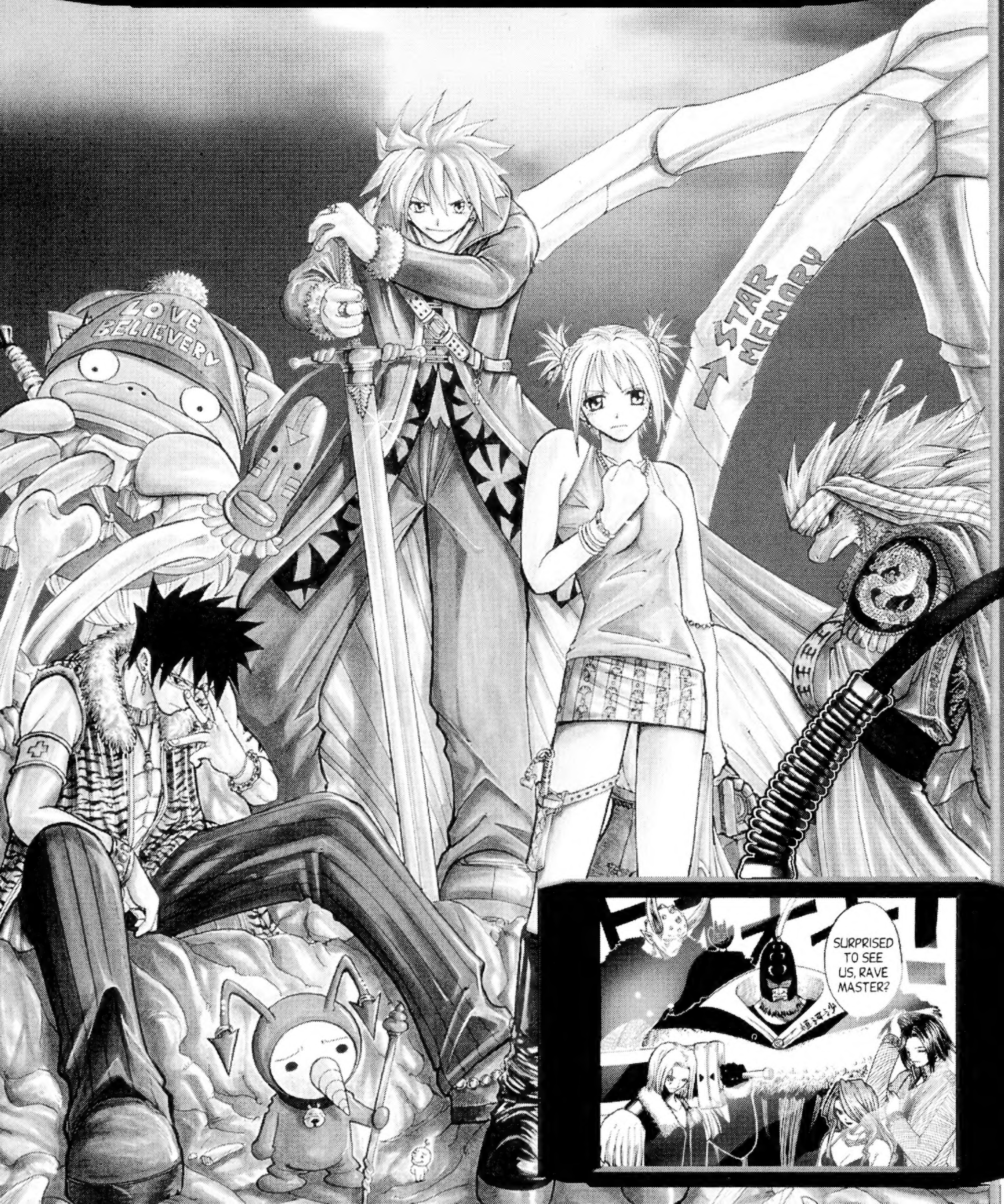
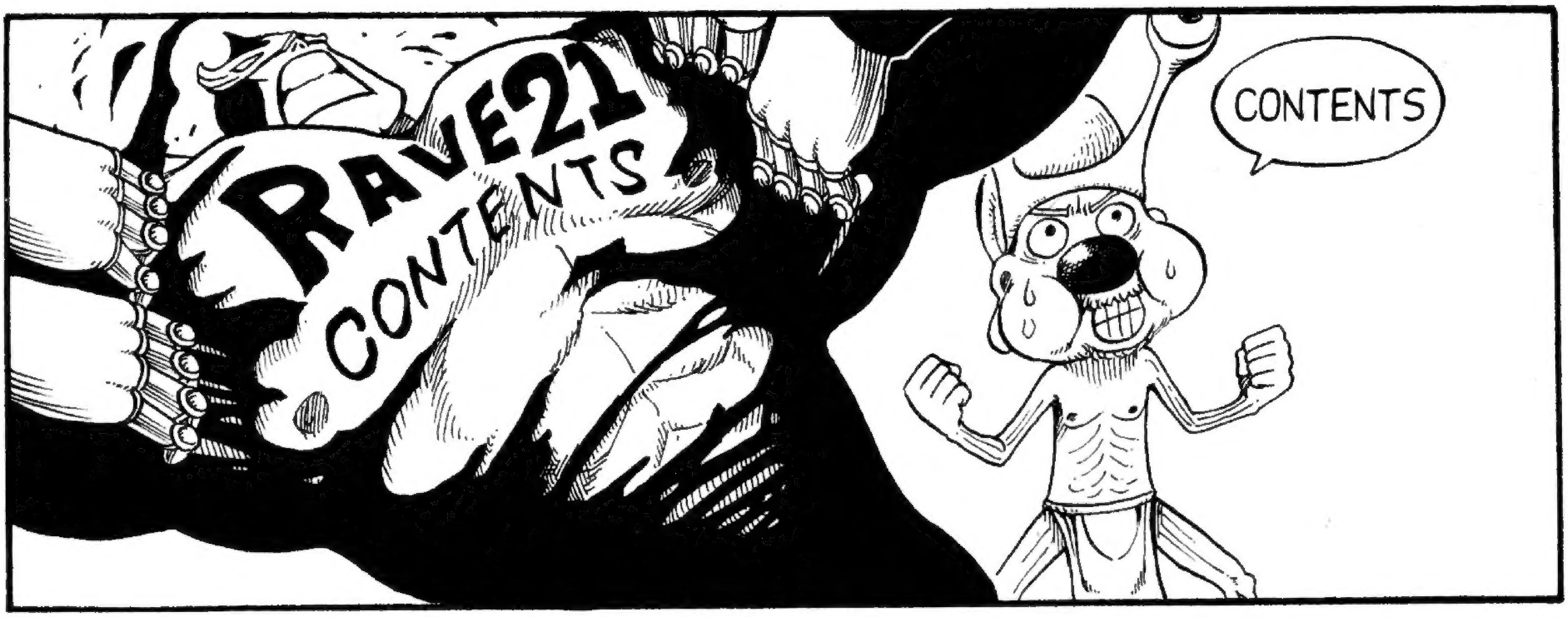
THE STORY SO FAR...

The battle between Deep Snow and Shuda rages on…but when the dust clears, Shuda is the last man standing. Electing to spare Deep Snow's life, Shuda instead reveals that King, Deep Snow's father, really did love him, and wanted to spare him from a life of evil. Meanwhile, at the Star Vestige, Lucia attacks Haru and the others. During the resulting fight, Haru calls upon the demon sword Sacrifar…though the sword's insatiable appetite may swallow his soul whole! The only one that can break the sword's grip on Haru is Plue, who is nowhere to be found…


LOVE BELIEVER♥
STAR MEMORY
SURPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.



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RAVE:165 ✚ PREMONITION OF A SLAUGHTER

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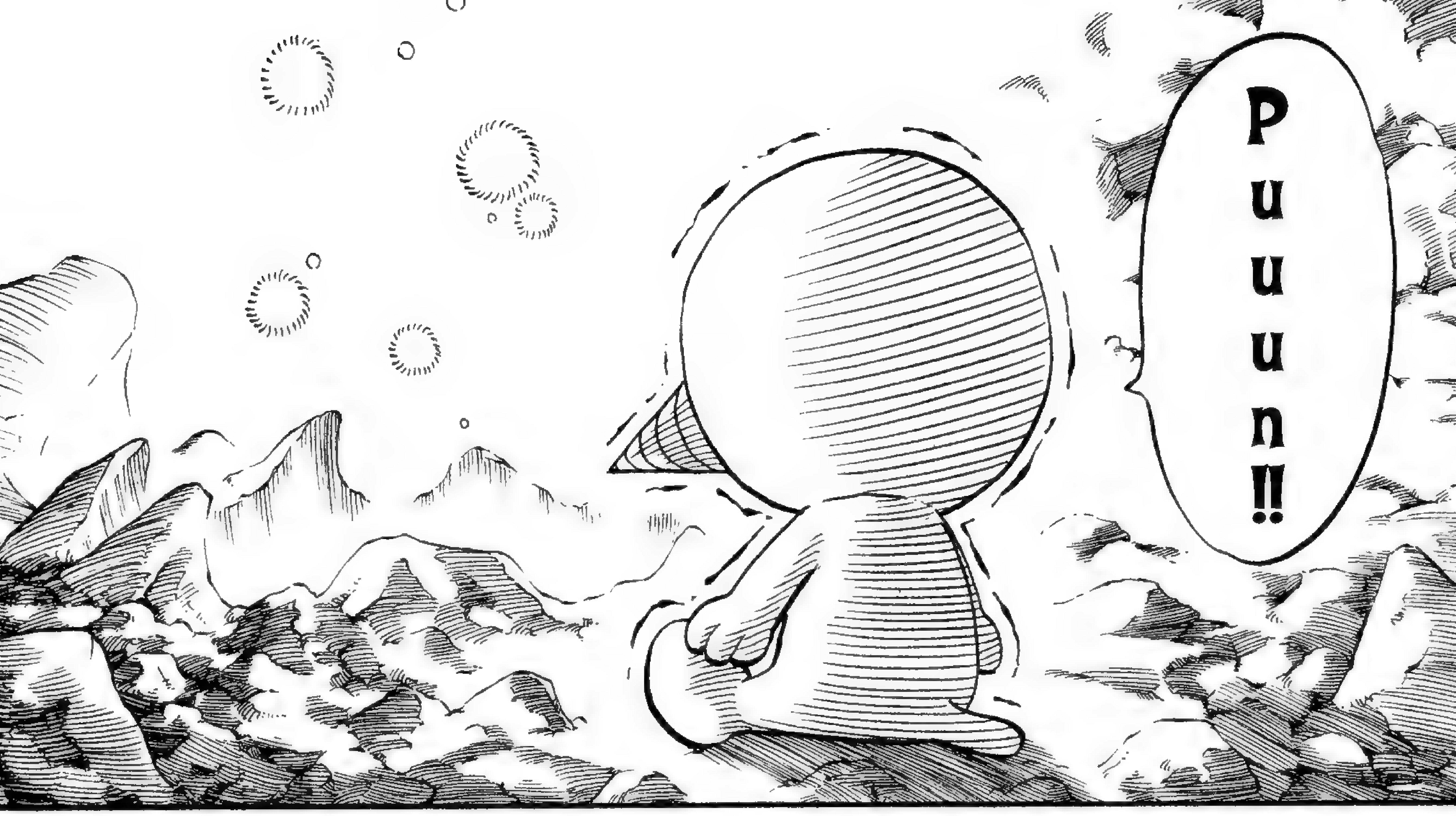
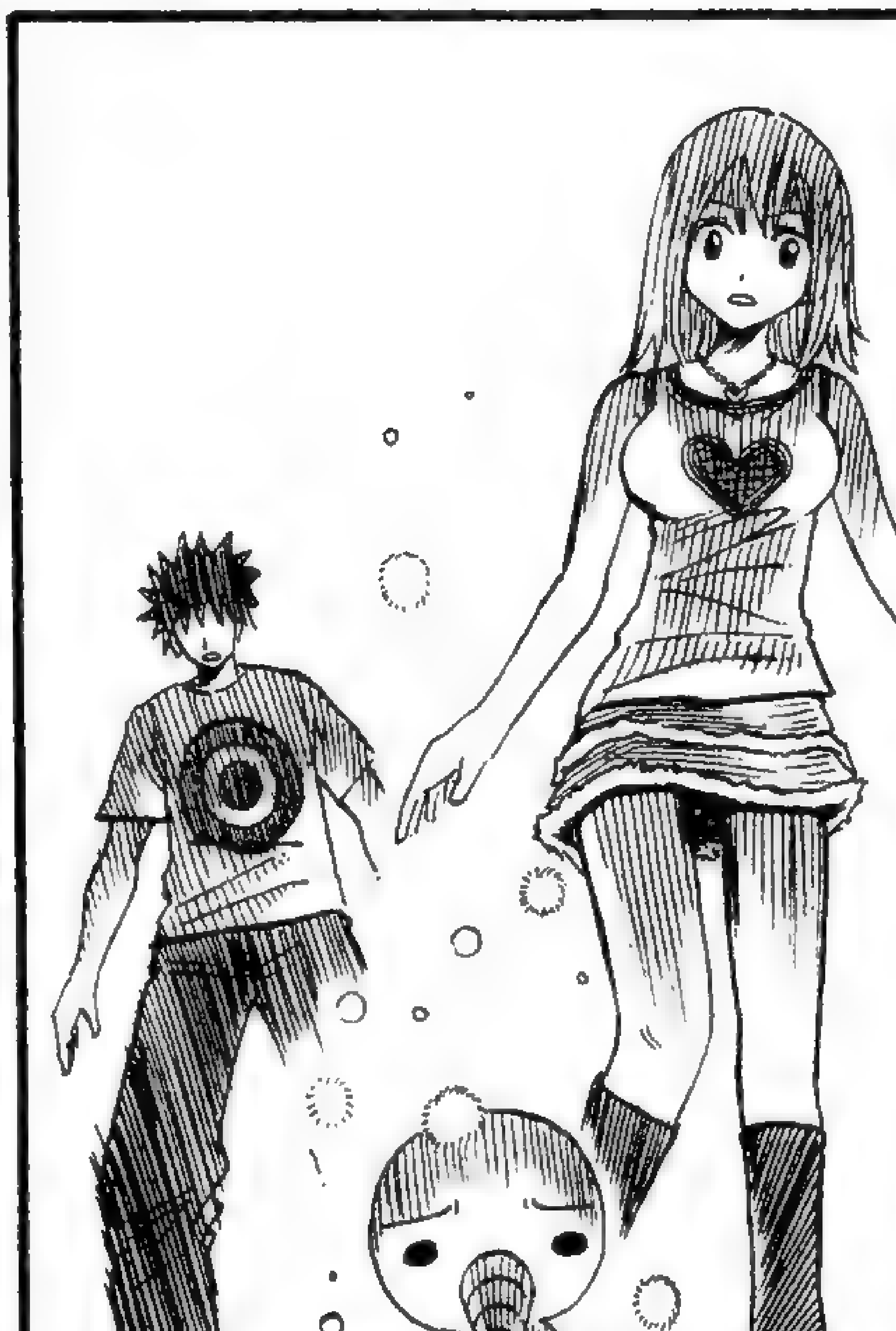
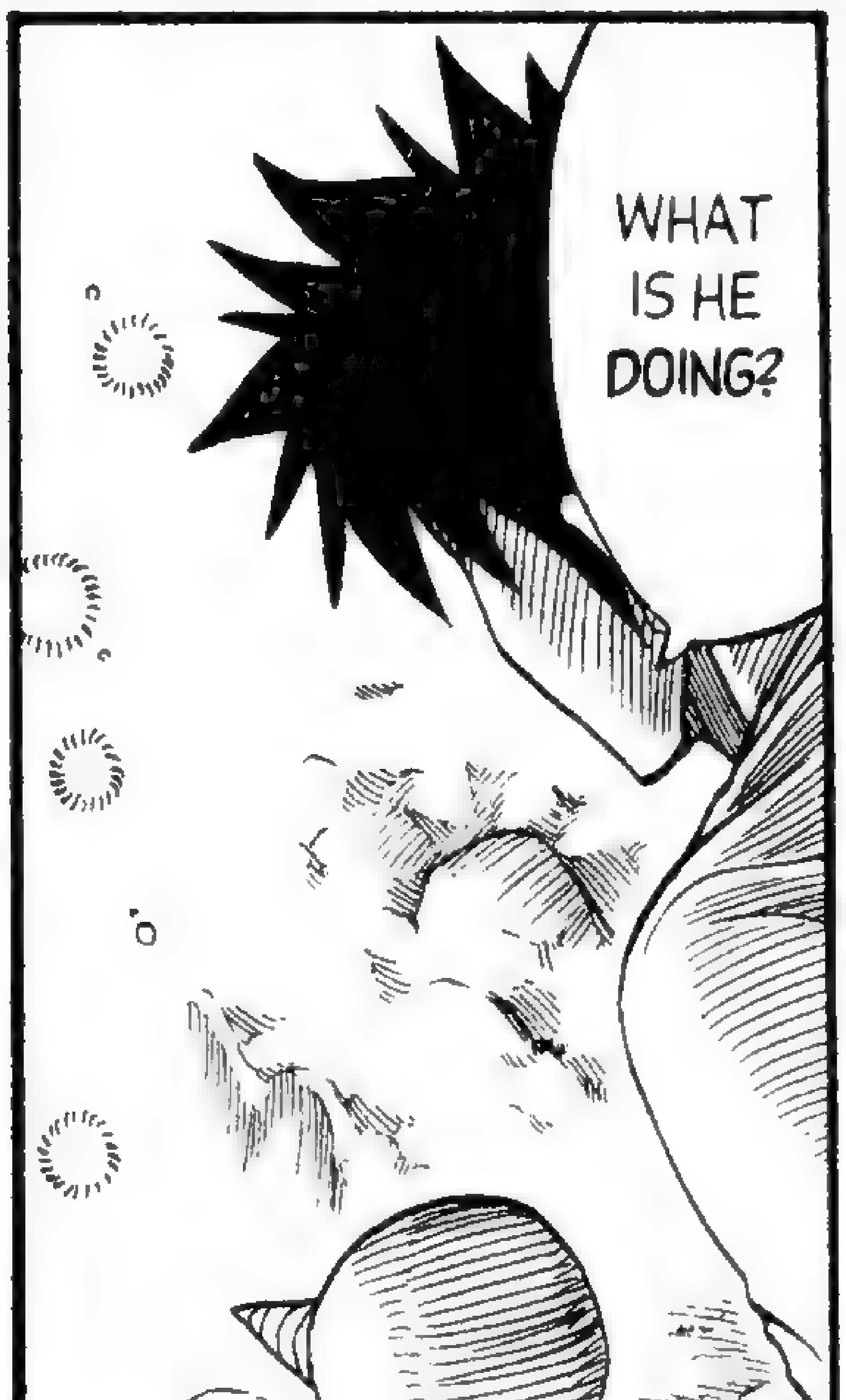
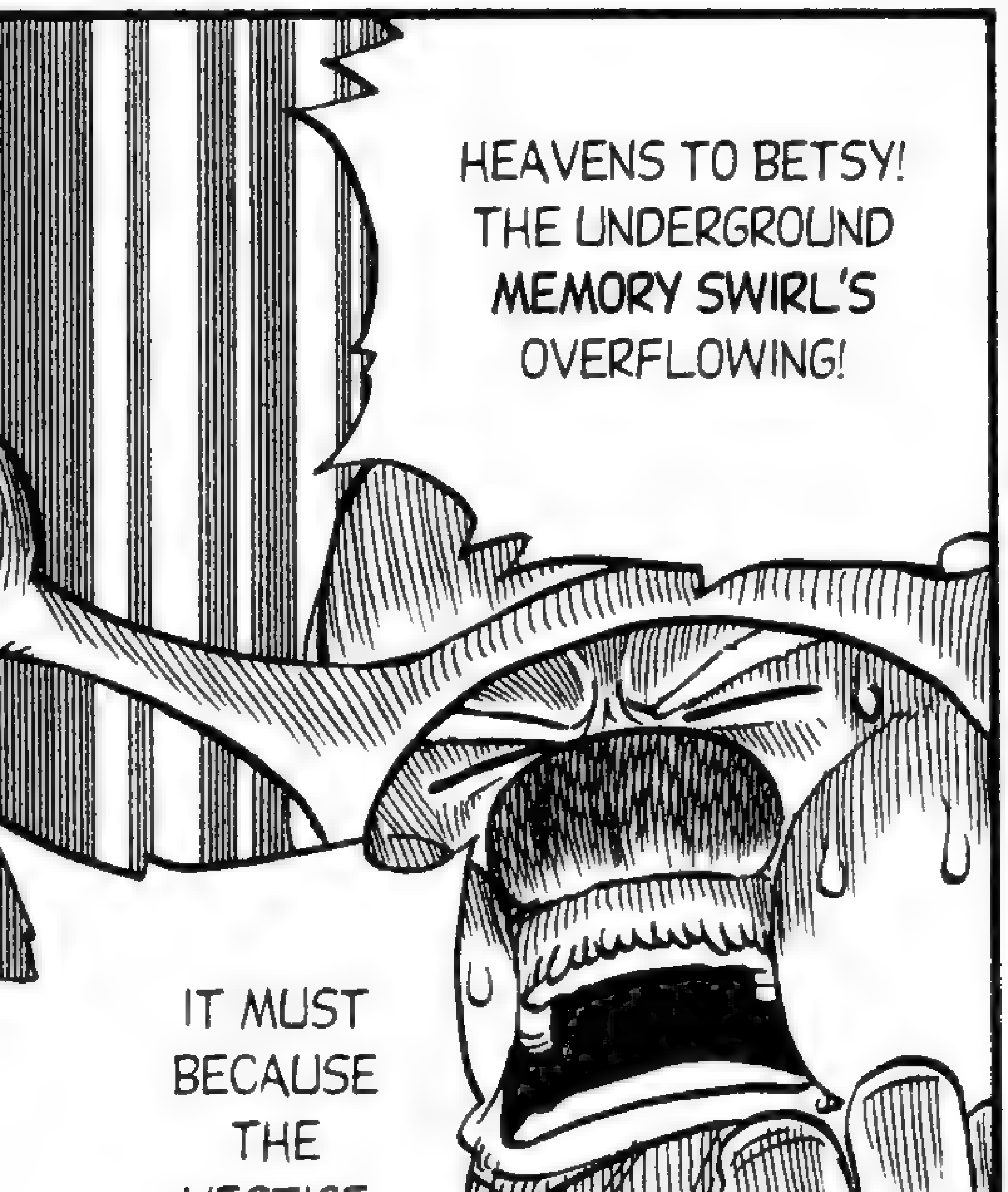
SACRIFAR, THE NINTH FORM OF THE TEN POWERS...
THE DEMON SWORD THAT POSSESSES ITS MASTER...
IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT!
PLUE! POYO! WE NEED YOU!! POYO!!
COME ON OUT, COMRADE!
AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO MASTER HARU?
カリタッ
MASTER MUSICA?
WHAT, ELIE?

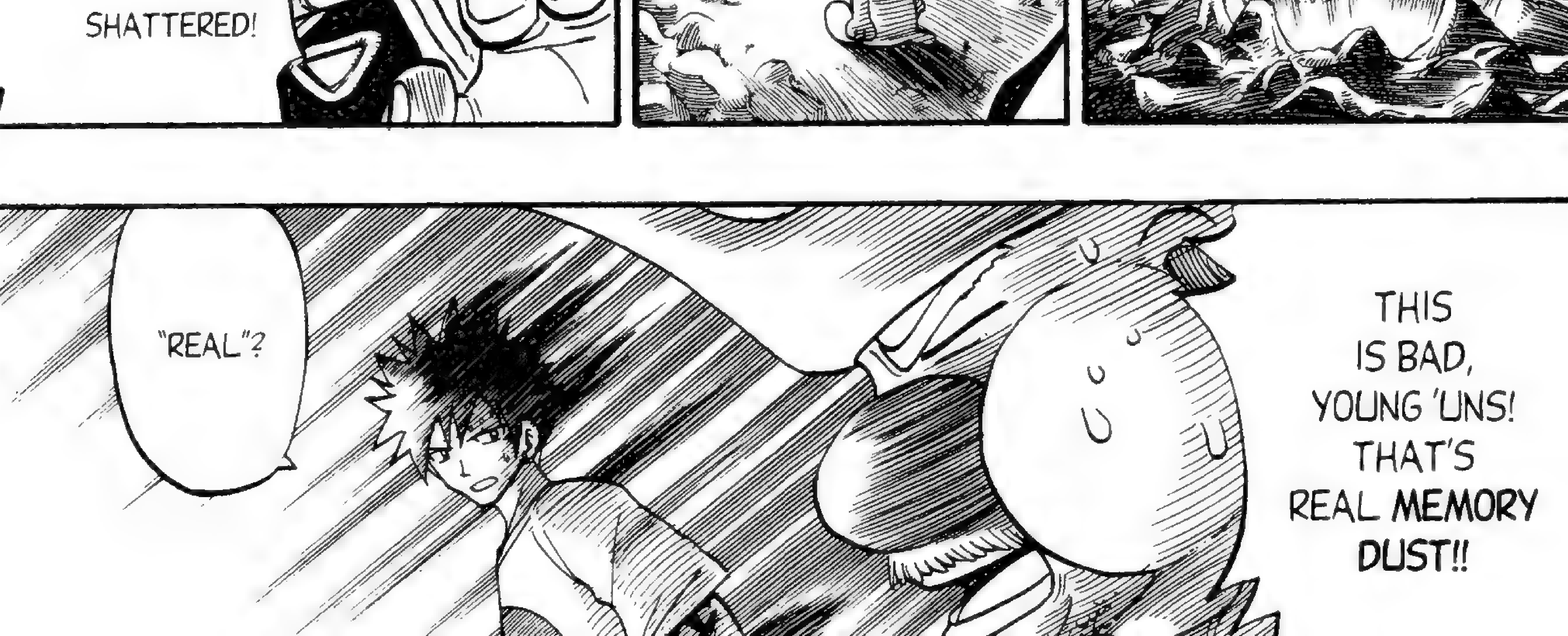
THIS WAY!!
HUH?! ELIE!!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? EXCUSE ME!
JUST GO BACK TO BED!
WILL DO.
PLUE, POYO!
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
Puun
PLUE!!
THERE HE IS!!
HOW'D SHE KNOW WHERE TO LOOK?
WHATEVER HE'S DOING, THIS AIN'T THE TIME!

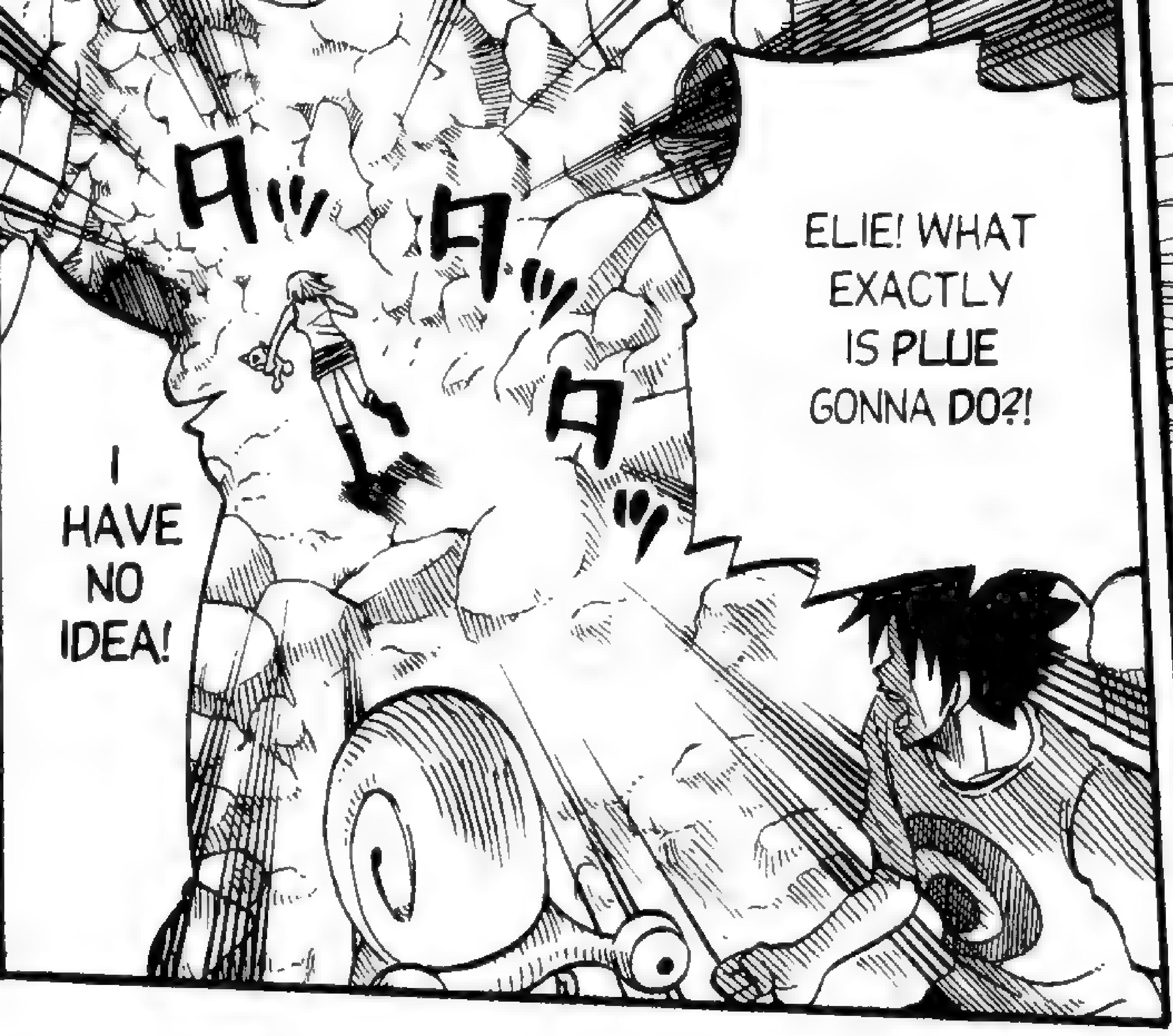

Puuun!!




WHAT IS HE **DOING?**


HEAVENS TO BETSY! THE UNDERGROUND **MEMORY SWIRL'S** OVERFLOWING!
IT MUST BECAUSE THE VESTIGE CRYSTALS SHATTERED!


THIS IS BAD, YOUNG 'UNS! THAT'S REAL **MEMORY DUST!!**
"REAL"?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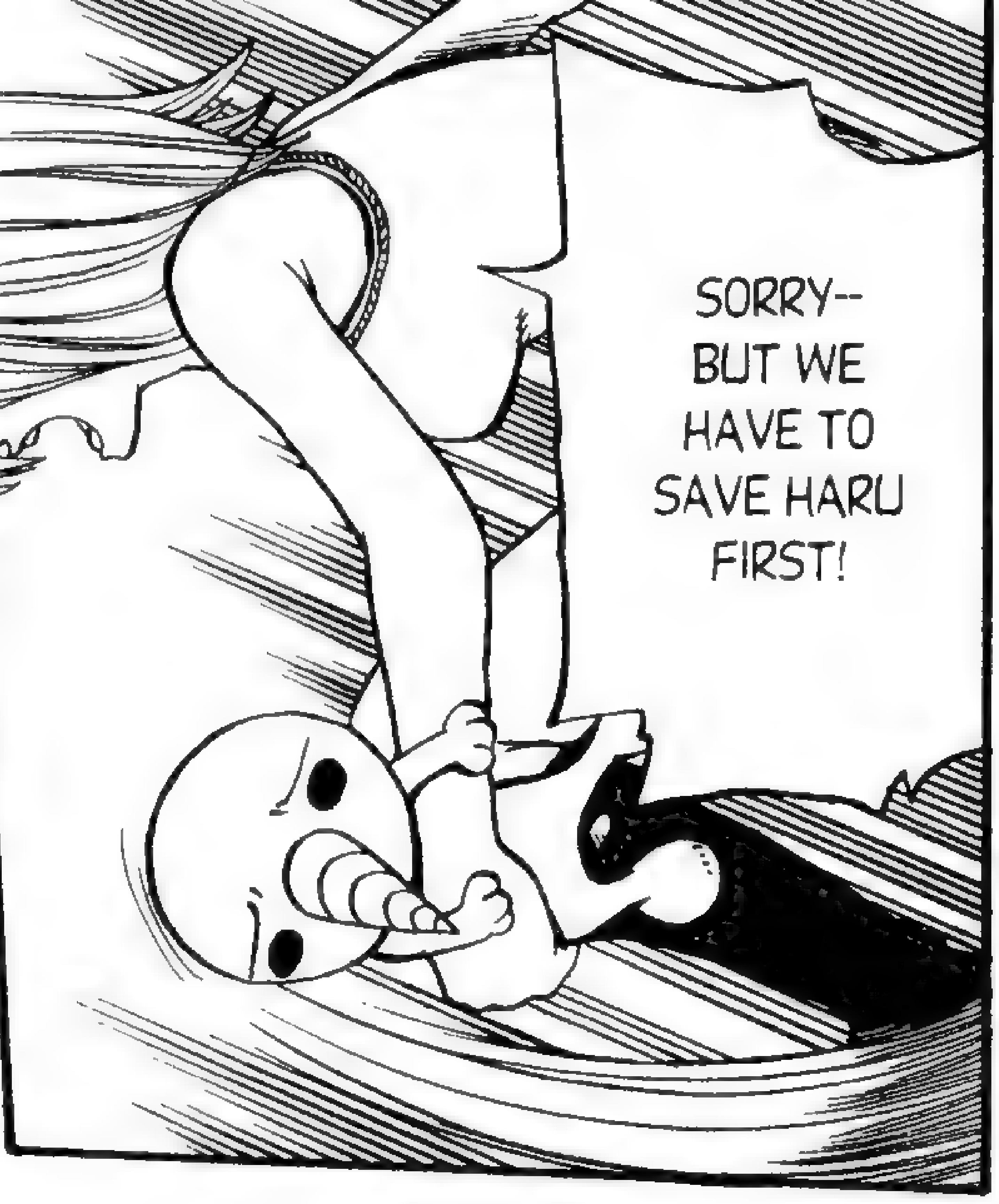
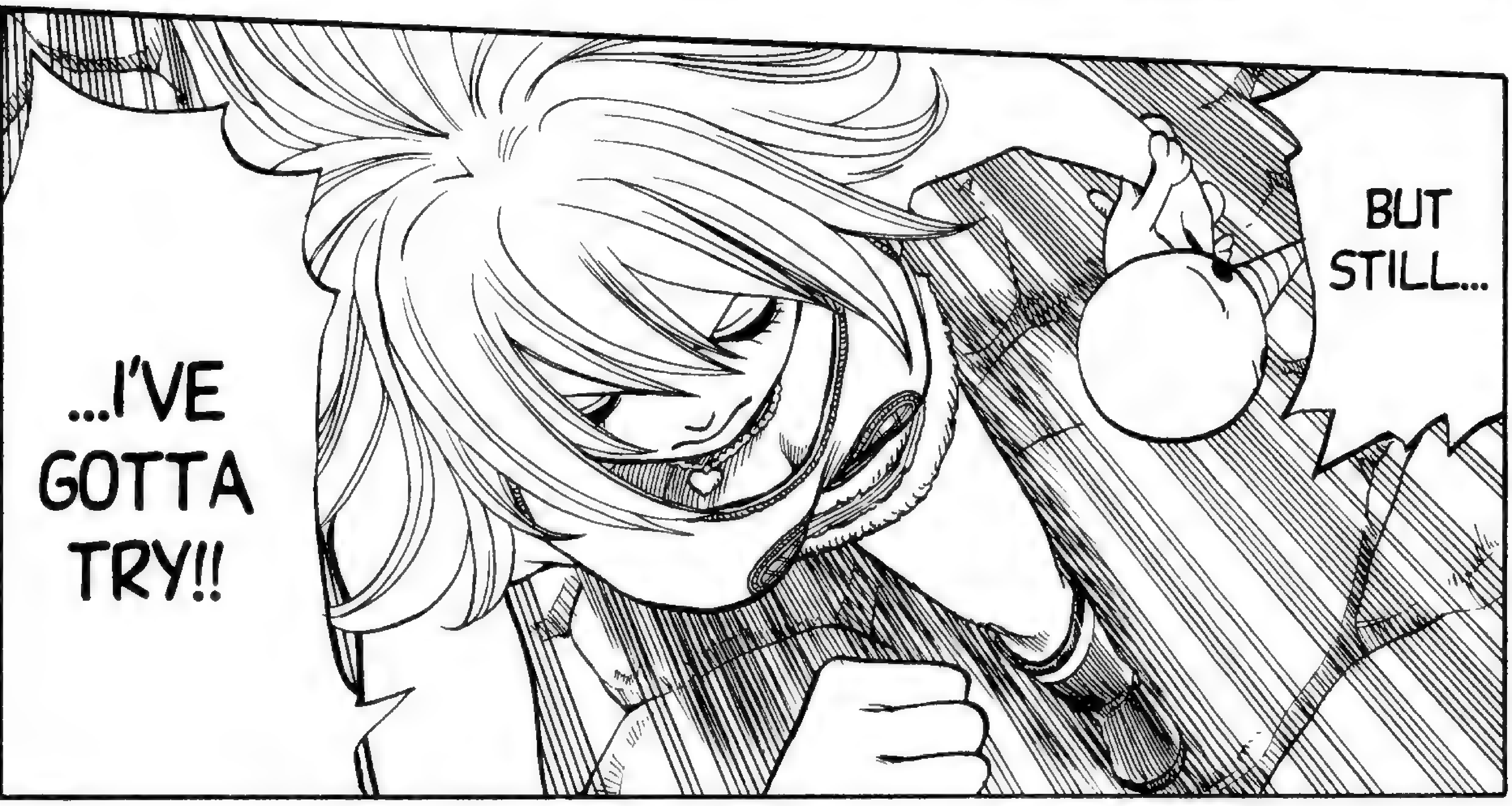
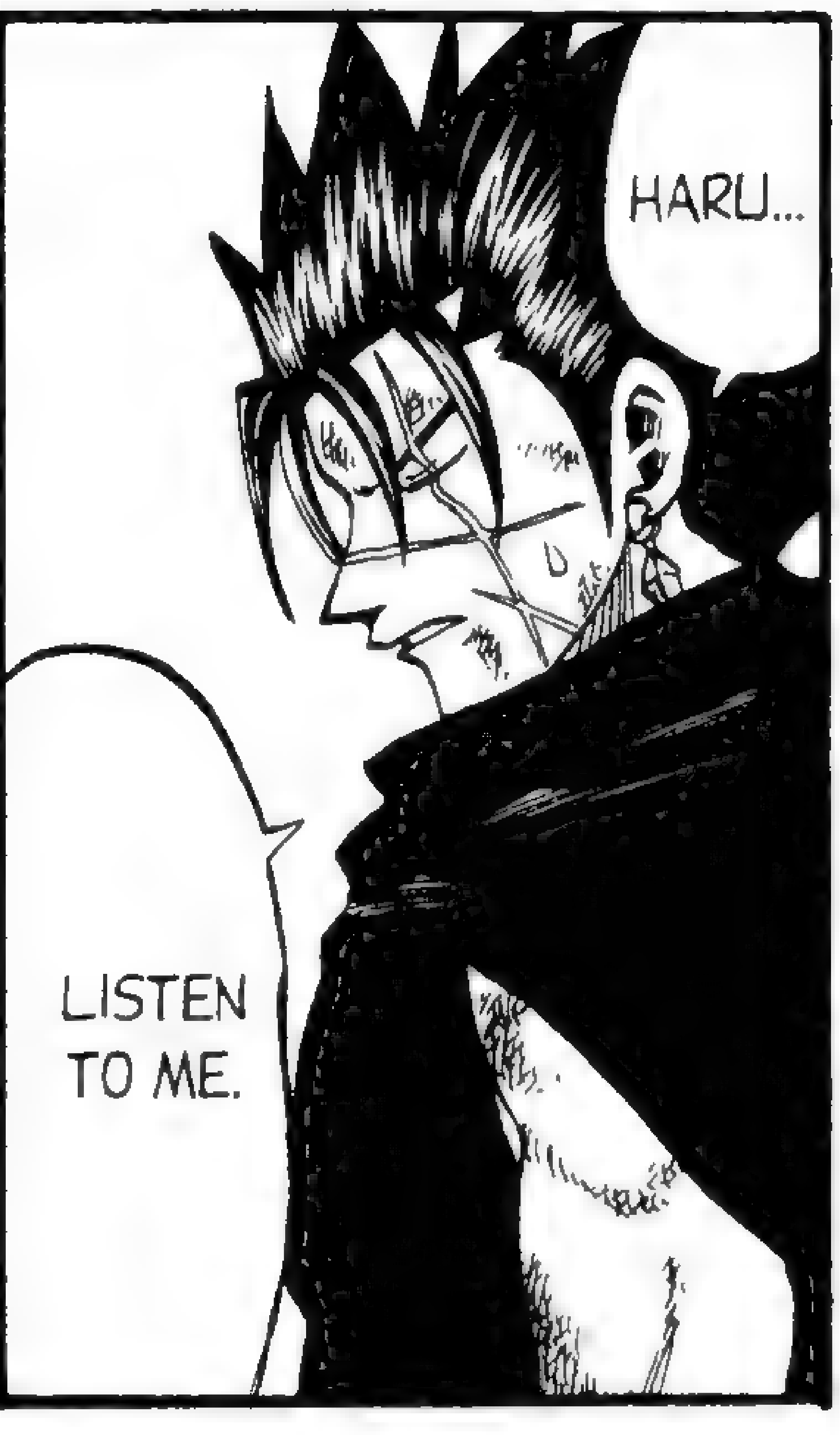
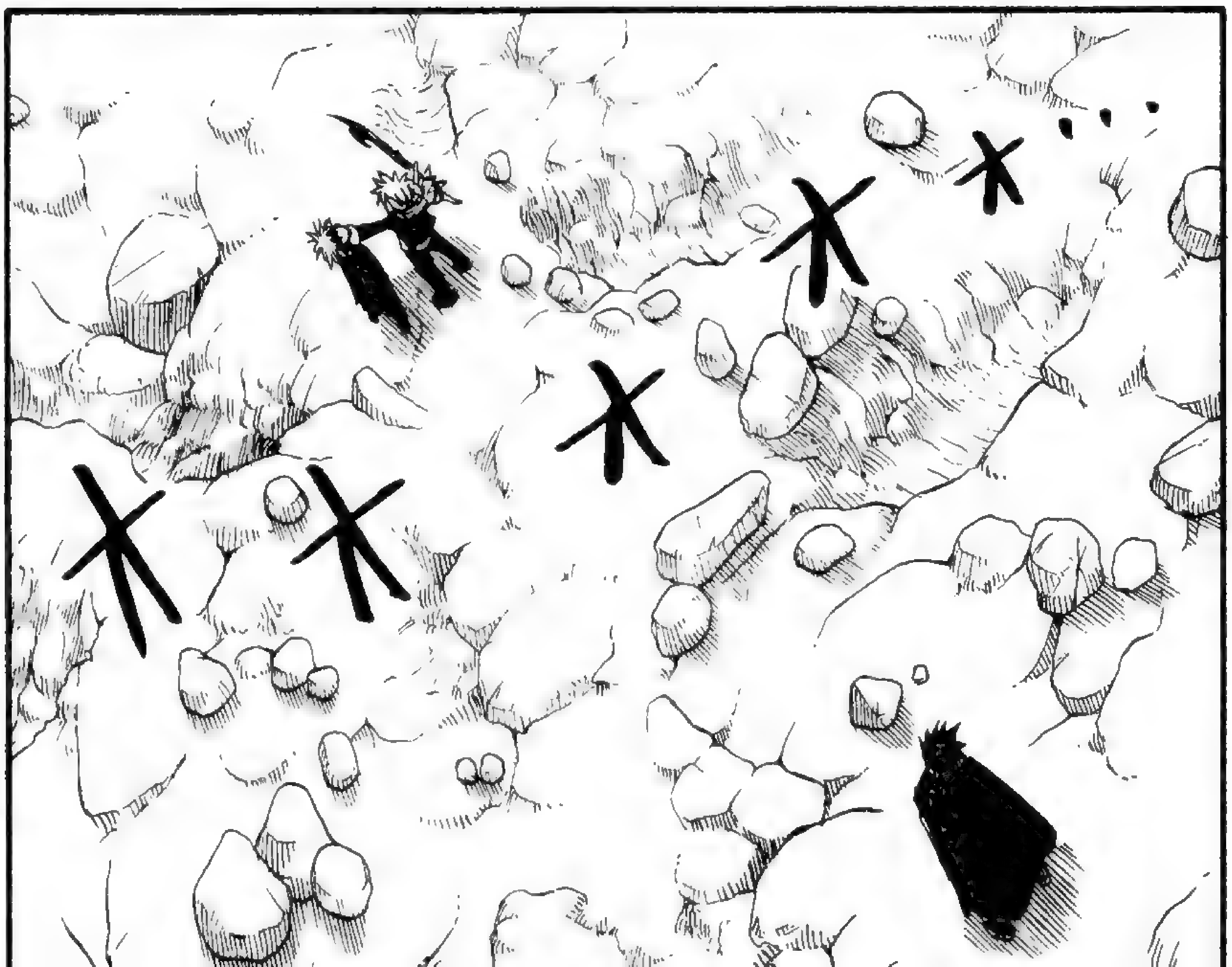
ELIE! WHAT EXACTLY IS PLUE GONNA DO?!
I HAVE NO IDEA!


SORRY-- BUT WE HAVE TO SAVE HARU FIRST!


BUT STILL...
...I'VE GOTTA TRY!!


HARU...
LISTEN TO ME.


...

THE MATCH IS OVER. REVERT THE SWORD.
GGGH...
HRRK...
HE'S NOT LISTENING.
HE'S INTENT ON KILLING LUCIA.
BUT IF HE SUBMITS TO THAT BLOODLUST AND KILLS ONE MAN...
...THE SWORD WILL JUST DRIVE HIM TO KEEP ON KILLING.
I'M OUT OF OPTIONS...
I HAVE TO TAKE HIM OUT.

FOCUS, SHUDA.
YOU HAVE TO DO IT NOW, WHILE HE'S PREOCCUPIED WITH LUCIA.
A MOMENT IS ALL I NEED.
A SINGLE MOMENT... AND A SINGLE CUT.
ACRIFAR

NOW!!!
HARUUUU!!!
THIS IS YOUR PLAN?!
HUH?!

YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HARU'S SO FAR GONE, HE'LL CLEAVE HIM IN TWO!
SACRIFAR
PLEASE, PLUE!
MERCY! IS THAT MASTER HARU?!
HE WON'T REALLY HURT MASTER PLUE, WILL HE?!
プウウウゥ—

WAKE UP, IDIOT!!
THAT'S YOUR FRIEND YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL!

THE SWORD...IT REVERTED!!
GOOD WORK, TINY!
ドッサッ
Puun!!
OOOOOOOOOOOOW!!
THAT HURT, PLUE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! OW!!

!
WHAT THE HECK?
THAT'S YOUR HANDIWORK, HARU.
IT IS...?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER?

YOU MORON!!
MASTER MUSICA!
THEN LET ME JOG YOUR MEMORY!!
YOU TRIED TO CUT PLUE IN HALF!!
I TRIED TO... WHAT?
THAT SWORD DOESN'T CARE WHAT YOU KILL, SO LONG AS YOU KILL SOMETHING!
USE IT AGAIN—AND I'LL SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

IT'S OKAY, MUSICA. EVERYONE'S FINE.
ELIE...
Puun!!
MAN... I'M REALLY SORRY, GUYS.
I FIGURED I COULD CONTROL THIS THING BY NOW.
"TRUST IN POWER AND ALL IS LOST."
GALE HIMSELF SAID THAT.
I'M SORRY! I WAS WAY OFF!
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ペコ
I PROMISE TO NEVER USE THAT SWORD AGAIN!
CRIPES.

WHAT WAS THAT OLD FART THINKING WHEN HE PUT SACRIFAR IN THE TEN POWERS?
IT MAKES ME WONDER WHAT ELSE THAT SWORD IS HIDING.
IT WAS JUST... LUCIA.
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD TAKE HIM.
WHILE I CAN'T EXACTLY PRAISE YOUR METHOD...
...YOU DID WIN.
YEAH.

ゴゴ
MM? WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
Puun!!
ゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴ
THAT COULDN'T BE...
ドゴォーン!
MEMORY DUST!
ドゴォーン!
ドゴォーン!
ドゴォ
LOOK AT THAT OVERFLOW!
THE CAVE CAN'T TAKE IT!
WAKE EVERYONE UP! WE'VE GOTTA GO!
YES, SIR!

THIS ENTIRE PLACE IS COMING DOWN!
OH, MY POOR HOME!
HURRY UP, HARU!
RIGHT...!
!!
WHAT THE...?
Heh heh...
LUCIA!!

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I'VE NEVER... NEVER... BEEN PUSHED SO FAR...
RIFAR
WELL DONE...RAVE MASTER.
WHAT?!
WHERE'D HE GET A SACRIFAR?!

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:166 ✚ DEMONIC CARNAGE

I'VE NEVER... NEVER... BEEN PUSHED SO FAR...
WELL DONE... RAVE MASTER.
WHAT?!
WHERE'D HE GET A SACRIFAR?!
HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE RAVE'S DEMON SWORD!
HE ISN'T. HIS SWORD HAS THE SAME TEN FORMS AS RAVE'S.
IT WORKS LIKE THE TEN POWERS.
HARU! BE CAREFUL!
WHAT'S IT TAKE TO KEEP THAT PSYCHO DOWN?!

CONGRATULATIONS... AND GOODBYE.
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE FOR DOING THIS TO ME...
CRAP.
HARU!!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WAIT...

IS HE ACTUALLY FEELING AFTER-EFFECTS FROM SACRIFAR?
M-MY STUPID ARM'S GONE NUMB!
THAT SWORD IS UNBELIEVABLE!
I...I CAN'T GRIP MY...
ぶる
ぶる
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOSER'S EXCUSE TO ME.
HOW VERY PATHETIC.
MUSICA!!
WE'VE HIT OUR WORST-CASE SCENARIO!
WE'RE GOING IN!
AND ABOUT DARN TIME, IF YOU ASK ME!

!!
WH- WHAT'S ALL THIS CRAP?!
WE CAN'T GET CLOSE!
BY GUM, THAT LOOKS LIKE THE STAR'S WILL...!
I DON'T THINK THE MEMORIES WANT YOU INTERFERING!
WHAT...IS THIS?

HARU!!
ズギャ

H-HE'S... *HUFF*... HE'S TOO ST-STRONG ...!
WE CAN'T DEFEAT HIM...!

THAT'S ALL THE SACRIFAR I NEED.
I KNOW MY **LIMITS**, THANK YOU.
YOU MEAN THAT NUTCASE CAN CONTROL THE DEMON SWORD?!
I'D SAY THAT'S RATHER APPROPRIATE.
Huff!
Nngh...
AAGH!!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU, RAVE MASTER.

NOW WHAT?! WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!!
HARU! WAKE UP, POYO!
NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR YOUR CUSTOMARY SECOND WIND, MASTER!
Puun!!
どたどた
どたどた
どたどた
THAT'S ENOUGH WHINING FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY.
ガッ
IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE YOUR LEADER'S HEAD.
ANY LAST WORDS DOWN THERE?
GGH...
HACK!!
HA HA HA! YOU CAN'T EVEN BEG!
WHAT A PATHETIC WASTE OF SKIN YOU'VE BECOME, RAVE MASTER!
STOP IT!!
NOW... TO END THIS.

WAIT!!!
THE MATCH IS OVER, ALL RIGHT?! YOU WIN...!
LET HARU LIVE.
!
EXCUSE ME?
THIS DUEL WAS TO THE DEATH. ERGO, HIS LIFE IS MINE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT FOR FREE.

I'M OFFERING YOU A TRADE.
ドォン
TH- THAT'S A SIN-CLAIRE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, POYO?!
WHEN THE HECK DID HE STEAL THAT?
SPARE HARU'S LIFE... AND THE SINCLAIRE IS YOURS.
YOU WANT ME TO MAKE A DEAL?
LET ME CLARIFY SOMETHING FOR YOU--MASSACRING YOUR PARTY AND TAKING ALL YOUR THINGS WOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT FOR ME.
FINE. I TRIED TO BE NICE.

!
KILL HARU AND I KILL THE GIRL.
シャキッ
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR SKULL?!
SWEET HEAVENS, NOT MISS ELIE!

I KNOW YOU NEED ETHERION'S POWER.
YOU ROTTEN PILE OF--
DON'T TRY ME, MUSICA!
I MEAN IT.
IF ANYONE COMES AT ME, SHE DIES.
HMPH!
YOU'RE BLUFFING.
THESE PEOPLE AREN'T MY FRIENDS.

SHRRRK
ビクッ
NNH!
I'M NOT KIDDING.
ELIE...!
D-DON'T...!

……
FINE.
ドゴオーン
ドカア
ドゴオーン
BRING ME THE SINCLAIRE.
HUH?
I-I THINK WE MAY BE SAVED!
SORRY--I WAS OUT OF OPTIONS.
Foo
ガア
YOU LIVE ANOTHER DAY, RAVE MASTER.
ガガッ
バカア

A PATH OPENED UP!
DON'T GIVE IT... TO...
HUNH...!
SH-SHUDA... DON'T...
YOU'D BETTER KEEP UP YOUR END OF THE DEAL.
OF COURSE. HARU'S LIFE IS **YOURS**-- FOR THE **MOMENT**.

SHUDA...
AT LAST... THE FINAL SINCLAIRE IS MINE!
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.
EASY, HARU. WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE THIS WAY.
BUT YOU FORGOT SOME-THING...
SILFARION

I'VE NEVER KEPT A PROMISE IN MY LIFE...
...AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO START NOW.
SHUDA!!

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:167 ✚ TRUE FIST

NOOOOOO!!
ビチャッ

ズッ
Y-YOU DO TH-THAT...
!!
YOU GO AHEAD AND DO THAT...
SHU...
IF YOU WANT A L-LIFE, YOU CAN TAKE MINE.
HGCK!!

LUCIA... IF YOU'RE ANY KIND OF WARRIOR, WITHDRAW.
WITHDRAW AND YOU CAN KILL ME.
HMPH! I'M A KING, YOU FOOL. I COMMAND WARRIORS.
YOUR INSIGNIFICANT LIFE IS WORTHLESS TO ME.

NO DEAL.
SHUDAAAAAA!!!

THAT'S DIRTY POOL, YOU SICK FREAK! HIS BACK WAS TURNED!
THAT'S HORRIBLE, POYO!
OH, THE HUMANITY!!

SHUDA!!
ドサ
ARE YOU OKAY?! J-JUST HANG IN THERE, SHUDA!
THIS IS WAR.
SHUDA!! DON'T...!!
SHU...

LUCIAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!
ドゴッ

HAGCK!!
HE BROKE LUCIA'S BREASTPLATE WITH HIS FIST!

ドカァ
ドァ

WH-WHAT HAPPENED, POYO?
MASTER HARU!
ARE...ARE YOU OKAY, HARU? YOU WERE--
AH!

OH, CRAP!
NOT NOW!
WHAT SPEED, POYO!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HARU LIKE THIS...!
I THINK HE SNAPPED, ELIE!
WELL, WELL... LOOK AT YOU.
DEAD SERIOUS AT LAST.

ズズズ…
GOOD FOR YOU. NOW GET OVER YOURSELF!

WHAT?!
DID YOU SEE THAT?!
HARU BROKE HIS SWORD!
YOU...
THAT WAS **FATHER'S SWORD**, YOU MISERABLE CUR!!

H-HIS FIST BROKE?!
YIPE!
FLOP

MAN...
WHO PUNCHES WITH A BUSTED FIST?!
ブシュッ

THEY DON'T EVEN LOOK HUMAN ANYMORE...!
THUD
バキ
ボフッ
ドカッ
ドカ
バキ
ドゥ
……

THERE'S NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. THE MEMORY DUST MAY BE CHURNING...
...BUT IT WON'T COME NEAR THOSE BOYS.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S BEING CONTROLLED.
IS SOMETHING DOING THIS?
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...THEN SOMETHING'S BURIED UNDER THE STAR VESTIGE!

AAAH!!
THE CAVE'S FALLING APART!
HARU! LUCIA!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS NOW!
SOMETHING MORE PRESSING TO BOTH OF YOU...
...IS RIGHT UNDERNEATH US!

RAVE MASTER

Acappella Island
MEMORY DUST.
FOR THE MEMORY SWIRL TO BURST LIKE THIS...
IT'S TIME.
IT SEEMS MY PROPHECY WAS OFF BY TWO YEARS.
KAIM...
NOW IT BEGINS.

RAVE:168 ✚ A NEVER-ENDING BEGINNING?

THE TRUE BATTLE!!
RAVE MASTER

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ドカ
バキッ
THE MEMORY DUST WON'T STOP!
WHAT IN TARNATION IS GOING ON AROUND HERE?!
ドゴオッ

WH- WHY?!
WHY'D YOU KILL SHUDA!!
HE WAS IN THE WAY.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING ME!!
WHY'D YOU GO AFTER MY FRIEND?!
FRIEND?
TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS.

YOU HAVE **ROYAL BLOOD**, AS DO I. YOU DON'T NEED "FRIENDS."
MEN OF OUR RANK NEED NOTHING MORE THAN **MINIONS** WITH THE **CAPACITY** TO **KNEEL!**
SOMETHING **WRONG**, RAVE MASTER?!

Y-YOU'RE WRONG.
!
WHA...?
WE DON'T NEED... FRIENDS?
ふらっ
YOU'RE W-WRONG, LUCIA.
HNH. I HAVE NO FAMILY... NOTHING TO PROTECT.
IT'S WHY I'M SO POWER-FUL.
A TRUE KING STANDS ALONE.
ONLY ONE CAN WALK THE NARROW PATH OF THE CONQUEROR.

THEN WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR?!

Gah!
ハッハッ
Hah...
Hah...
LUCIA...
I F-FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE. YOU CAN'T EVEN FIND SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF.
BUT...YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
THAT OUR DADS WERE BEST FRIENDS?
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

IF THIS STUPID WAR ENDS, WE COULD BE FRIENDS!!
WE COULD BE FRIENDS, LUCIA!!

Nngh... Hic!
Krk... Nnh!!
S-SO WHY...?
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ふらっ
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO KILL SHUDA?

WHY?! WHY'D YOU KILL HIM?!
HARU, DON'T-- !!
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES.
KILLING LUCIA'S GONNA SAVE A LOT OF LIVES...
Hah! Hah!
Hah! Hah!
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ぶる
ぶる

Hah!
Hah!
Hah!
I...
hll hll
I CAN'T...

I CAN'T!!!
I-IT'S... IT'S OKAY, HARU... 'S OKAY...
YOU WIN.
SHUDA...?

HE'S ALIVE!!
DUDE... YOU'RE AS HARD TO KILL AS LUCIA.
W-WELL...
I AM P-PRETTY HARD-HEADED ...
HE WON! MASTER HARU ACTUALLY WON!
Puun!!
I-I'M SO HAPPY I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, POYO!
!!

ACK!!
THE MEMORY DUST IS TAKING FORM!
!!!
HERE IT COMES!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
THAT'S MEMORY?
IT'S LIKE A LIFE-FORM WITH ITS OWN WILL, NOW!
THE MEMORY SWIRL'S SHAPING INTO SOMETHING.
I WISH I KNEW!
IT WAS... SLEEPING HERE?
SWISH
!
BA-THUMP
HERE...
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THU

ENDLESS.

Q&A CORNER!!

Q. Does everyone speak Japanese (?) in the world of Rave Master
(Ochre of Shizuoka Prefecture and others)

A. **The world of Rave Master uses a common spoken language, but it's not Japanese. It's actually closest to English. Haru and his pals can read enough kanji and hiragana to get by, though.**

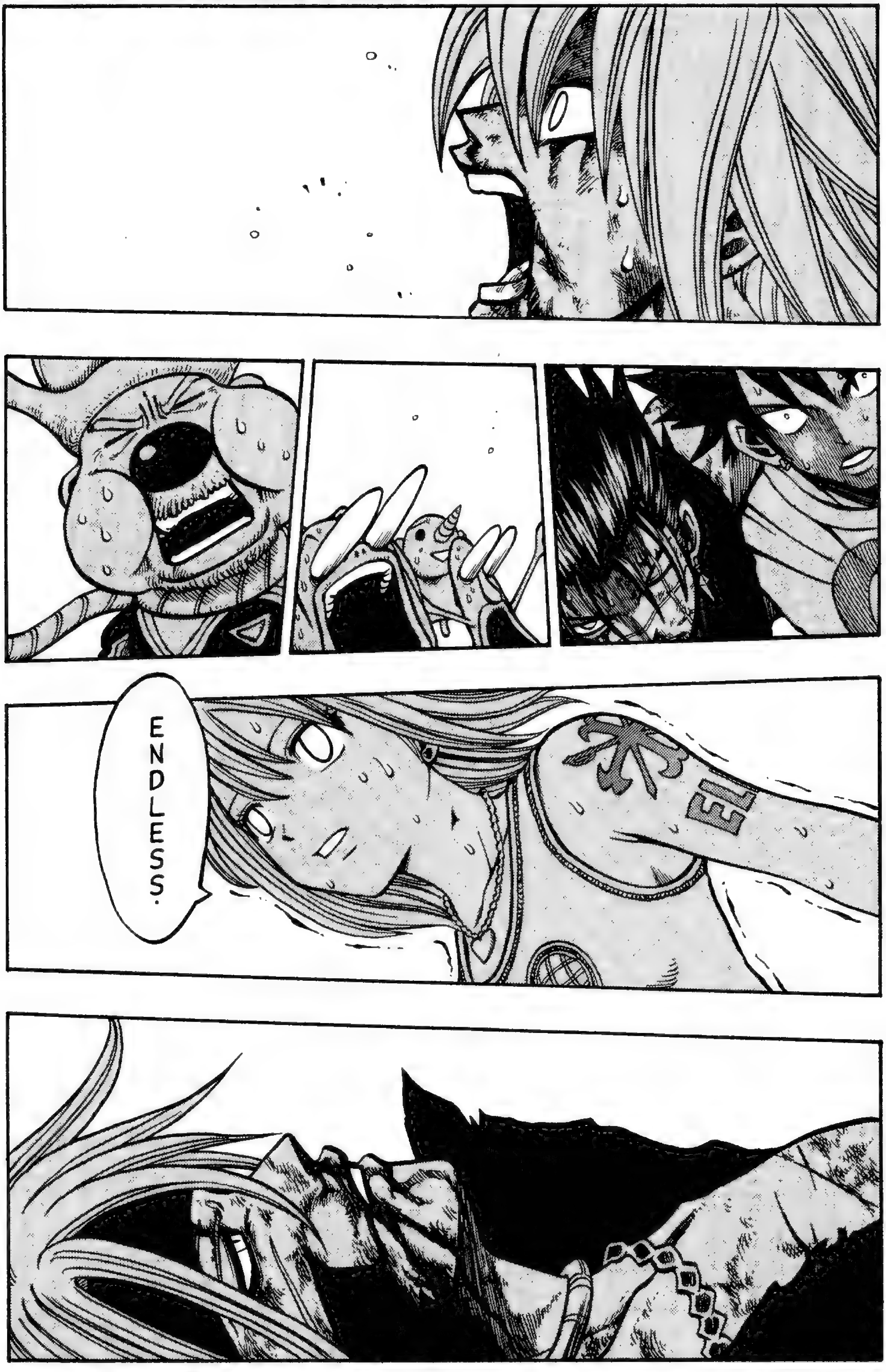
Q. If Gale Glory was so sure in Vol. 9 that Haru and Elie weren't gonna get hitched, why are they married in Volume 17's "Levin Minds the House?"
(Kenta Kataishi of Hokkai Prefecture and others)

A. **Levin called them Dad and Mom, but did you ever see their real names written? Maybe they're entirely different people...! Although, I guess there is a bit of facial resemblance there. Ha ha!**

Q. What did everyone mean when they yelled "Dragon!" when Let's pants came down in Vol. 18?
(My Dog's Named Plue Too of Akita Prefecture)

A. **First of all, that pen name! Whoa. Anyway, I think it's best if the kids out there don't get the "dragon" joke. But don't ask Mommy or Daddy about it! They'll confiscate the book!**

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:169 ✚ THE UNKNOWN DOOR

RAVE MASTER

オオオオオ
THE FORGOTTEN KING, ENDLESS.
HE WAS SLEEPING HERE.
END-LESS?!
THAT'S WHAT RESHA SAID...
...BACK IN THAT DREAM!
OH, MAN!
THAT THING IS HUGE!
ON HER SHOULDER... IS THAT THE CREST OF SYMPHONIA?
BUT WHY DOES SHE...?
NO MORE TALKING! IT'S TIME TO RUN, POYO!
THE CAVE IS FALLING APART! WE'LL BE BURIED ALIVE!
ELIE! IS THAT ENDLESS?! TELL US IF YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING!

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THE TRUE BATTLE...
IT'S STARTING.
すう———
ゴアッ

ズズズズ
ゴオオォォ
WHAT WAS THAT?!
A HUGE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE!
TH- THANKS FOR CLEARING THAT UP...

ELIE, DID YOU SAY "BATTLE"?! TELL ME WE'RE NOT FIGHTING THAT THING!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?! ELIE! WHAT DO WE DO?!
......
YOU... THE SECOND RAVE MASTER.
YOU MUST HURRY...
...AND RELEASE ME.
......!!!
RESHA?!

!!!
ELIE!!
LOOK... JUST HANG IN THERE!
UM... WHAT'S THAT, POYO?
IT LOOKS LIKE A FLYING CHARIOT!
MEGI... DO.
MEG-IDO?
OF THE FOUR DEMON LORDS?
GREAT. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS ONE.

MEGIDO IS WITH DEMON CARD?!

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ボッ
ドガァァァ

HEH.
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THAT'S RIGHT... GO REGROUP.
SO YOU ARE THE RAVE MASTER...
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OW!
WE'RE SMACK-DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF A MONSTER FIGHT!

I AM MEGIDO, RULER OF THE FOUR GREAT DEMON LORDS.
I HAVE COME TO CLAIM MY MASTER.
OOOKAY... SOMEHOW I THINK THIS IS GONNA TAKE MORE THAN ME.
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LAZENBY'S ASLEEP, POYO! I'LL WAKE HIM UP, POYO!
LOWER YOUR ARMS-- I DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT.
OUT OF RESPECT FOR SPARING LUCIA'S LIFE, WE SHALL RETREAT.
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WE MUST HURRY IF WE ARE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.
WE KNOW NOT WHEN ENDLESS WILL MOVE AGAIN.
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Y-YOU DIDN'T BEAT IT? POYO?!
HE WILL RECOVER FROM MY ATTACK SOON.
NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ENDLESS.
UM... HANG ON.
WHAT IS ENDLESS?

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THE FORGOTTEN KING, BORN OF MEMORY.
HE SEEKS TO DESTROY ALL REMEMBRANCE OF **HISTORY**, LIFE, AND **MANKIND**.
THIS PLACE...THIS **PARALLEL WORLD**...WILL SOON END.
ENDLESS' REVIVAL WILL END IT.
PARALLEL WORLD?

WH- WHY WAS HE UNDER THE STAR VESTIGE?!
HE IS PART OF STAR MEMORY.
IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE.
ALSO...
...REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE PART OF STAR MEMORY, AS WELL.
!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! HEY!
BE PATIENT.
YOU WILL SOON LEARN THAT ALL IS CONNECTED.

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HAVE NO FEAR.
YOU **WILL** BECOME STRONGER STILL, LUCIA.
CRAP...! THIS WHOLE DEAL... IT JUST STINKS!!
I'VE NEVER FELT SO ABSOLUTELY SICK!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GONE.
Puun!!
AND WITH THE LAST SINCLAIRE, NO LESS!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, POYO?
I...I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE.
HARU BEAT LUCIA, BUT THEN **THAT** GUY CAME AND BLEW EVERYTHING ELSE OUT OF THE WATER.
WHAT'S HIS NAME --MEGIDO? DOES HE TOP **LUCIA?**
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ELIE FAINTED BEFORE SHE COULD MAKE SENSE.
AND THEN THERE'S **HIM.**
MAN, I HATE MONDAYS.
WHATEVER YOU KIDS DECIDE, WE CAN'T STAY HERE.
WE SHOULD HEAD EAST. THERE'S A TOWN NEARBY.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT EITHER.
BUT STILL ...

...THAT "EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED" THING?
SOMETHING ABOUT THAT LINE MADE ME FEEL UNEASY.

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:170 ✚ THE TRUTH ABOUT ENDLESS

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ELIE! YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!
YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR THREE DAYS.
UM... WHERE ARE WE?
WALKING THREE DAYS EAST OF THE STAR VESTIGE'LL GETCHA.
WE'LL BE SITTING PRETTY IN A TOWN I KNOW SOMETIME TOMORROW.

EW...! I'M ALL... **SWEATY.**
YOU CAN WASH IN THE NEARBY RIVER, POYO!
NOT TO WORRY! WE HAVE ALL OUR LUGGAGE!
SORRY, GUYS...AND THANKS!
I'LL BE QUICK!
DO YOU NEED HELP, MISS ELIE? I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO VOLUNTEER!
WE'LL TALK AS SOON AS ELIE COMES BACK.
Puun!!
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MR. SHUDA, HOW IS YOUR HEALTH?
I'LL LIVE. AND WHO ARE YOU?
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HO HO! AN ENEMY FROM THREE DAYS AGO IS TODAY'S FRIEND!
HA HA
SHWA HA HA HA
GREETINGS! I AM LAZENBY!
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WAS HE HERE BEFORE?
NOOOOO!!

WHAT?!
ELIE, YOU'RE KIDDIN' ME! YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER?!
NO...
SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER SAYING ALL THAT CRAZY STUFF ABOUT "ENDLESS" OR "THE TRUE BATTLE"?
NOTHING. SORRY.
WELL... THE MEMORIES WERE GOING PRETTY WILD BACK THERE. GETTING ONE BACK TEMPORARILY SHOULDN'T COME AS A SURPRISE.
BUT THAT REALLY FELT LIKE RESHA...

WITHOUT ELIE'S MEMORY, WE'VE GOT CRAP FOR LEADS.
THAT'S NO HELP, POYO.
B-BUT PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I SHALL PROTECT YOU BY RUNNING AWAY!
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AAH!
IT DOES SEEM THAT THIS ENDLESS CREATURE IS RELATED TO MISS ELIE.
!
THERE'S STILL A WAY FOR HER TO LEARN THE TRUTH.
NOT QUITE.
I'M SURE YOU CAN SEE HER PAST WITH IT.
USE THIS STAR VESTIGE FRAGMENT.
IS SOMETHING THAT TINY REALLY GONNA WORK?
WELL... WE COULD TEST IT ON SHUDA...
LIKE I CARE ABOUT HIS PAST.
YOU'RE MORE OF A THIEF THAN I AM.

FINE.
CRUNCH
JUST AS LONG AS THE KIDS HERE CAN STOMACH THE VIOLENCE.
IS THAT... GARAGE ISLAND?!
YEAH. I MET SHIBA THERE A WHILE BACK.
GOODNESS! LOOK AT THAT!
IT'S LIKE THE STAR VESTIGE, POYO!
IT'S WHEN I HEARD ABOUT SACRIFAR.
HEH... HE LOOKS PRETTY GOOD!
SIS!!
MM... WE TALKED ABOUT GALE AND SAKURA.
REALLY?!

YOU CAN'T BOTTLE THINGS UP FOREVER.
I...I GUESS SO.
SIS...
WELL, I'LL BE... I DIDN'T BELIEVE MY EARS WHEN SHUDA TOLD ME.
YOU'RE VERY LUCKY, HARU.
SHE LOVES YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING.
THAT MUCH IS OBVIOUS.
SHE'S A KIND WOMAN.
OF COURSE SHE IS! THAT'S WHY SHE'S THE ISLAND'S MOST POP--

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HEH HEH...
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HEH... I MIGHT JUST BECOME YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW.
AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
M-MY SISTER! YOU SWINE! WHAT'D YOU DO WITH MY SISTER?!
CALM DOWN, POYO!
HARU, WHEN A MAN AND WOMAN LOVE--
MAKE IT STOP!!
YOU DISGUSTING CREEP! C'MERE!!
MASTER HARU, PLEASE!
Mmm...
OH, WELL...
SO MUCH FOR THAT.
!
IT WON'T WORK?
NOT FOR YOU, MISSY. THE FRAGMENT'S TOO SMALL.
IT SHOWED SHUDA'S RECENT MEMORIES, SEE?
HE WAS AT HARU'S ISLAND JUST THIS PAST YEAR.
THE FRAGMENT'S ONLY GOOD FOR NEW MEMORIES.
CHOMP

AW... BACK TO SQUARE ONE, POYO.
I'M SORRY. I'M NO HELP AT ALL.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, ELIE!
IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT, MISS ELIE!
ENDLESS... WHAT A TRIP THAT GUY IS.
HE'S SUPPOSED TO END THE WORLD, RIGHT?
WE NEED ANSWERS. LOTS OF 'EM.
THE STAR MEMORY BEARS THE ANSWER.
SAGA!
SAGA MUST KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS, POYO!
HOW HEROIC!
STAR MEMORY. YES, I SEE.
PON!!

ONE CAN CONTROL TIME AT STAR MEMORY!
WE CAN UTILIZE THAT TO CEASE ENDLESS'S EXISTENCE! THERE'S NO FEARING SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST!
YES!!
HA HA HA HA HA
WOW, POPS. THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY WORK!
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
!!?
NO!
ENDLESS WAS BORN AS A RESULT OF TIME CONTROL ON THIS STAR.
WHA--?!
CONTROLLING TIME GIVES BIRTH TO ENDLESS...
...SO USING TIME TO DESTROY HIM WILL ONLY RE-CREATE HIM.
HENCE HIS NAME: ENDLESS.
WELL... THEN WHAT DO WE DO? WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM WRECK THE WORLD!

DEFEAT HIM.
F- FIGHT... THAT THING?
WE CAN'T DO THAT, POYO!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE LION MAN SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE!
HAS ENDLESS EVER BEEN BEATEN BEFORE?
NO.

ALTHOUGH THE SPACE-TIME CONTROLS OF STAR MEMORY CAN DELAY THE WORLD'S DESTRUCTION...
...SUCH AN ACTION SHORTENS THE CYCLE OF ENDLESS' REBIRTH. IT'S NOT A SOLUTION.
DESTROYING ENDLESS REQUIRES A TRIP TO **STAR MEMORY**-- A PLACE THAT, AS YOU KNOW, IS DIFFICULT TO FIND.
ENDLESS HAS ONLY BEEN TEMPORARILY DISSIPATED IN THE PAST.
BUT NOW, THERE MAY BE A CHANCE TO DESTROY HIM.
HE LIVES IN THIS AGE...
...BUT SO DOES ONE WITH THE POWER OF ETHERION.
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ELIE?!
ETHERION CAN DESTROY ENDLESS?
IT'S ONLY A THEORY.
ETHERION IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DRIVE TIME MAD.
THAT POWER MATCHES SPACE-TIME CONTROL ITSELF.
LURING ENDLESS INTO STAR MEMORY AND RELEASING ETHERION'S FULL POWER...
...THAT MAY AT LAST DESTROY ENDLESS.
WAIT, POYO! THE WORLD CAN'T TAKE ETHERION AT FULL POWER, POYO!
HENCE USING STAR MEMORY.
IT'S A SEPARATE DIMENSION, ONE THAT NO POWER CAN DESTROY.
DON'T BE AFRAID. THE DOOR TO YOUR MEMORIES WILL OPEN SOON. **YOU CAN DO THIS.**

HEY! IF YOU'RE GONNA DUMP ALL THIS ON ELIE, AT LEAST TELL HER MORE!
INDEED! INFORMATION ON ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
MM.
BUT... IF I SPEAK OF THE "OTHER YOU," CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT?
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IT'S THE KEY TO UNLOCKING ALL OF RAVE...
...AND ALL OF YOURSELF.
ELIE...
I-I'LL DO IT.
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

SWEET! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD A REAL PLAN.
YEAH. NOW I GOT IT!
WE NEED THE LAST RAVE, THE RAVE OF TRUTH...
...AND THEN WE'RE OFF TO STAR MEMORY.
WHERE I STOMP THE BIG NASTY MONSTER!
Puun!!

LET'S GO!!
IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD!!

AHEM.
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT COULD I TROUBLE YOU FOR A MOMENT?
I HAVE A SLIGHT CONCERN.
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WHY IS DEMON CARD INTERESTED IN STAR MEMORY?
MAYBE... TO ZAP ENDLESS!
GET REAL!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M POSITIVE ABOUT THIS, BUT...
...I THINK THEY WANNA CHANGE THEIR PASTS.
THEY ALL HAVE PRETTY NASTY HISTORIES.
"THEN THE SILVER RAY..."
"I DUNNO. WHAT ABOUT STAR MEMORY?"
"THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE ENTIRELY."
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...WON'T DEMON CARD TRY AND GATHER THE OTHER SINCLAIRES NOW?
WITH ALL FIVE THEY CAN GO TO STAR MEMORY, POYO!
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THEY MAY ALREADY **HAVE** ALL FIVE.
WHAT?!
AW, SNAP! THAT MEANS THEY CAN GO USE STAR MEMORY FOR THEMSELVES!
WILL THAT MAKE MORE MONSTERS?
JUST LISTEN...
WE HAD AN OPERATION TO STOP THE ASSEMBLY...
...BUT THERE'S BEEN NO UPDATE BY PIGEON.
OPERATION?
YEAH. TO STOP JEGAN FROM GETTING **OGRE'S SINCLAIRE** OVER TO DC HQ.
BUT THEN HAJA GOT THE SINCLAIRE FROM JEGAN.
HAJA'S THE STRONGEST OF THE ORACION SIX, SO I'M NOT SURE WHO'D WIN. HIM...

...OR SIEG HART.

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:171 ✚ TIME OF BETRAYAL

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Mildian, the Town Carved Out of Time
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MY HOMELAND...

IT'S BEEN SEVEN DAYS SINCE I MET SHUDA. I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD TRACK SINCLAIRE HERE.
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MASTER SIEG! SIEG HART!
FLICKA AND HILDE...
HOW YA BEEN?
WEL-COME HOME, MASTER.
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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU LAST RETURNED.
YEAH! IT'S WICKED GOOD TO SEE YOU!
YOU TWO HAVE GROWN.
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YES. TIME FLOWS NORMALLY...
...FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE CITY.
SO YOU'VE BOTH BEEN STUDYING MAGIC?
SURE HAVE! I'M GONNA BE A DUAL AFFINITY MASTER!
REALLY? BASIC SPELLS DON'T SATISFY YOU?
NO WAY. I WANNA BE AN ELEMENTAL MASTER SOMEDAY!
I SEE.
I HAVE A QUESTION... FOR BOTH OF YOU.
THIS TOWN MAY BECOME A BATTLEFIELD SOME DAY.
A BATTLE TO DEFEND TIME.
WILL YOU RISE UP AND FIGHT?

DUH! PROTECTING TIME'S OUR DUTY-- OF COURSE WE'LL FIGHT!
YOU CAN COUNT ON US WHEN THAT DAY COMES.
I EXPECT NO LESS.
MASTER SIEG, WOULD YOU COME TO MY HOUSE AND SPEAK OF YOUR JOURNEYS?
NUH-UH! COME TO MY HOUSE! I'LL BAKE YOU AWESOME BREAD!
LADIES... .WE'LL TALK AFTER I VISIT THE SAGE.
WHAT?!

MMM... TIME FOR FISHING!
ER, NO. NOT THAT TIME...
MM?
OH HO! IS THAT SIEG HART?
IT'S BEEN SOME TIME.
INDEED IT HAS.
WELL, COME ON UP.
OH! I FORGOT-- IT'S DONUT TIME!
SORRY, MY BOY. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INDECISIVE ABOUT SCHEDULES AND SUCH THINGS.
NOT AT ALL.
Miltz, the Time Sage
Preeminent Citizen of Mildian

I THINK WE NEED TO TALK.
YOU KNOW DC IS AFTER STAR MEMORY, YES?
MM...
THEY'RE ASSEMBLING THE FIVE SPECIAL DARK BRINGS, THE **SINCLAIRES**.
I HAD EXPECTED TO DEFEAT JEGAN WHILE HE TRANSPORTED ONE OF THE FIVE.
UNFORTUNATELY, HAJA SLEW HIM AND TOOK THE SINCLAIRE.
NOW HAJA AND SHAKUMA ARE TRAVELING HERE WITH IT.
DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY WOULD DO THAT?
MMM...

I CONSIDER THIS MY DUTY.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD AND OF TIME ITSELF...
...AND FOR HARU, AND MY PROMISE TO SHUDA...
...I MUST DEFEAT HAJA.
HOWEVER, HIS SORCERY IS SAID TO BE INFINITE.
HE COULD THEORETICALLY CHANT SPELLS FROM DAWN TO DUSK.
I DON'T BELIEVE I CAN DEFEAT HIM ALONE.
I REQUEST THE POWER OF THIS TOWN, AND OF YOUR PARTICULAR ABILITY.
HAJA DOESN'T KNOW THESE PEOPLE.
THEY COULD BAND TOGETHER AND RESIST HIM.
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD, REGRETTABLY, MAKE THE TOWN A BATTLEFIELD...
...IT IS OUR BEST CHANCE.

HAJA IS DC'S STRATEGIST AND CHIEF OF STAFF.
IF WE FIGHT HIM TOGETHER, WE MAY WELL DEFEAT HIM.
NOW IS THE MOMENT TO PROTECT TIME, AS IS OUR DUTY.
WE CANNOT ALLOW DC TO USE TIME FOR EVIL PURPOSES!
MASTER MILTZ, PREPARE THE CITY FOR COMBAT!
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"TIME." MM.
SIEG HART...LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.
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WHY IS THE ETHERION GIRL ALIVE?
OH... WELL...
SOMEONE HELPED THAT GIRL TRAVEL TOWARD STAR MEMORY.
THE PLACE WHERE SHE CAN DRIVE TIME MAD.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE OF TIME?
IF TIME GOES MAD, EVERYTHING IS LOST.
YOU'RE MISTAKEN! I SWEAR TO YOU!
MY METHODS ARE DIFFERENT, BUT I STILL PROTECT TIME!
HER PARTY DOESN'T TRAVEL TOWARD STAR MEMORY TO RISK TIME.
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I COULDN'T KILL HER! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!
IT'S A PITY THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SIEG HART.
SIR, PLEASE... THIS TOPIC IS NOT A PRIORITY.
WE MUST FORM A PLAN REGARDING HAJA!
IT IS TIME TO PART...
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...TO PART FROM THE HUMANS WHO WARP TRUE TIME.
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H- HAJA!
BUT... BUT WHY ARE...
HOW?
WHEN DID YOU...?
HE'S BEEN HERE ALL ALONG.
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IN TIME?
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M- MASTER MILTZ, WHAT IS THIS?!
YOU YOURSELF MENTIONED HAJA'S INFINITE MAGIC.
NOW HUMANS WILL NEVER STEAL TIME FROM US.

STAR MEMORY BELONGS IN **OUR** HANDS.
WE ARE CHOSEN TO ADMINISTER TIME.
MASTER MILTZ, THIS IS INSANITY!
THE PEOPLE OF TIME MUST CONTROL STAR MEMORY.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR SURPRISE, MY BOY. BUT THIS IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT TIME.
YOU SAY HUMANS MUST NOT HAVE IT...
MASTER, PLEASE! OUR **DUTY** IS TO PREVENT **TIME WARPS** AND **ANNIHILATION!**
NOT TO SEIZE **TIME** FOR **OURSELVES!**
MM... I'M SORRY YOU THINK THAT.
OH! IT'S TIME FOR WINE.

BUT YET YOU INTEND TO CLAIM IT YOURSELF?!
THAT BREAKS THE PRECEPTS YOU YOURSELF LAID DOWN!
MMM ...
I'M SURPRISED I HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
WE ARE THE CHOSEN ONES, BOY! WE ARE NO MERE HUMANS!
RULING TIME RAISES US TO THE LEVEL OF GODS!

THIS IS ALL AS I PLANNED.
TIME WILL SOON BE OURS.
TH-THEY'VE HONESTLY JOINED FORCES!
MASTER MILTZ IS WITH DEMON CARD!
IT CERTAINLY EXPLAINS WHY HAJA IS HERE.
AND YET...

...WHY IS HAJA MOVING WITH THE SINCLAIRE?
LOGICALLY, HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT DIRECTLY TO HEADQUARTERS.
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TIME TO PART WAYS, SIEG HART.
YOU FAILED TO KILL KING...
...AND NOW WE HAVE THIS ISSUE.
YOU'RE A **TRAITOR** TO US NOW.
FOR THE SIN OF WARPING TIME...
...I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE.

NOW IS THE TIME TO CONFESS YOUR TREASON!
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HNGH!
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MMM... TIME TO RUN.
Not good.
HE WILL NOT ESCAPE THE CITY.

HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?
HAJA AND MASTER MILTZ SEEKING TO SEIZE STAR MEMORY TOGETHER...
THEY ARE THE TWO MIGHTIEST SORCERERS I KNOW. I CAN'T STAND AGAINST THEM ALONE!
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I HAVE TO FLEE THE CITY.
SOME MAY DECIDE TO FIGHT WITH ME!
FLICKA! HILDE! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
GATHER EVERYONE IMMEDIATELY!
MASTER SIEG!
WHAT?!

MASTER MILTZ ATTACKED YOU?!
WHAT?!
THIS CITY HAS BECOME TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU ALL.
EITHER LEAVE...OR STAND WITH ME AND FIGHT.
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JEEZ... I GUESS MASTER MILTZ WENT AND DID IT.
GUESS WE CAN END THE FACADE.

WH- WHAT IS THIS?!
YOU KNOW THAT PROTECTING TIME'S OUR PRIORITY.
THAT MEANS YOU'RE THE BAD GUY, NOW.
YOU ARE A TRAITOR.
IT WAS DETERMINED EVEN BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL.
GOODBYE, MASTER SIEG.
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT ONE THOUSAND SORCERERS.

RAVE:172 ✣ SHIFTING TRUTHS

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ALL OF YOU, PLEASE...!
THIS IS MADNESS!
YOU'RE CALLING US CRAZY? YOU'RE THE TIME WARPER!
YOUR BETRAYAL IS DISHEARTENING, TO SAY THE LEAST.
NNGH!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.
THOSE FOUR MEN HAVE SEALING MAGIC.
AND BY USING OUR MAGIC...
...IT MEANS YOU CAN'T USE YOURS.

OPEN YOUR EYES, YOU FOOLS!! DO YOU KNOW WHAT DC IS LIKE?!
HELPING THEM IS EQUIVALENT TO DESTROYING TIME!!
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YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
HUMANS ARE THE ONES WHO DESTABILIZE TIME.
THE RAVE MASTER, YES... BUT DEMON CARD IS JUST AS GUILTY.
NOW DO YOU SEE?
WE'RE NOT WITH DEMON CARD.
BOTH HUMAN FORCES HAVE BECOME OUR ENEMY.

HAJA IS WITH **US**--NOT WITH DEMON CARD.
WHAT?!
HE BETRAYED DC?!
YES. HENCE, I BROUGHT THE SINCLAIRE.
I DID NOT REPORT TO HQ.
IT'S A LIE! HAJA IS DEMON CARD'S STRONGEST LOYALIST!! HE'D NEVER BETRAY THEM!!
HE'S JUST DECEIVING YOU!!
YOU ARE MISTAKEN.
I **AM ONE** OF YOU.
I WAS **BORN** IN THIS **CITY**.

WHAT?!
HE WAS OUR COMRADE FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU SEE.
AND NOW IS THE TIME TO PUNISH DC.
A STRATEGIST LIKE YOU COULD HAVE STOLEN SINCLAIRE BEFORE DEMON CARD GAINED STRENGTH.
A REBELLION WOULD HAVE WORKED AT THAT POINT!
BETRAYING THEM LIKE THIS WAS NOT MY INTENT.
I EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY DC TO STAR MEMORY.
ONCE THERE, I WOULD HAVE DESTROYED LUCIA AND THE OTHERS AS PLANNED.
BUT THERE'S BEEN A NEW DEVELOPMENT.
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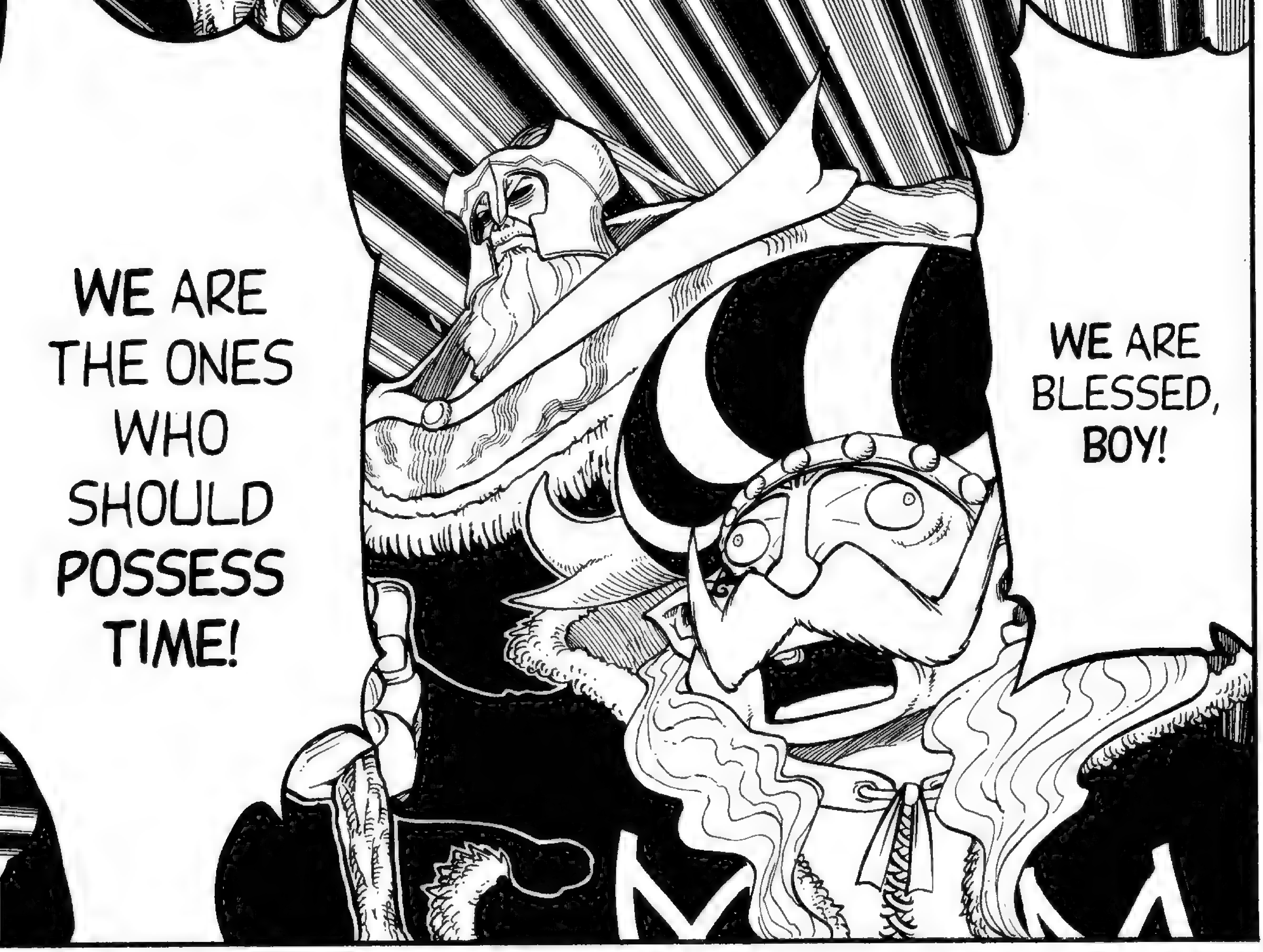
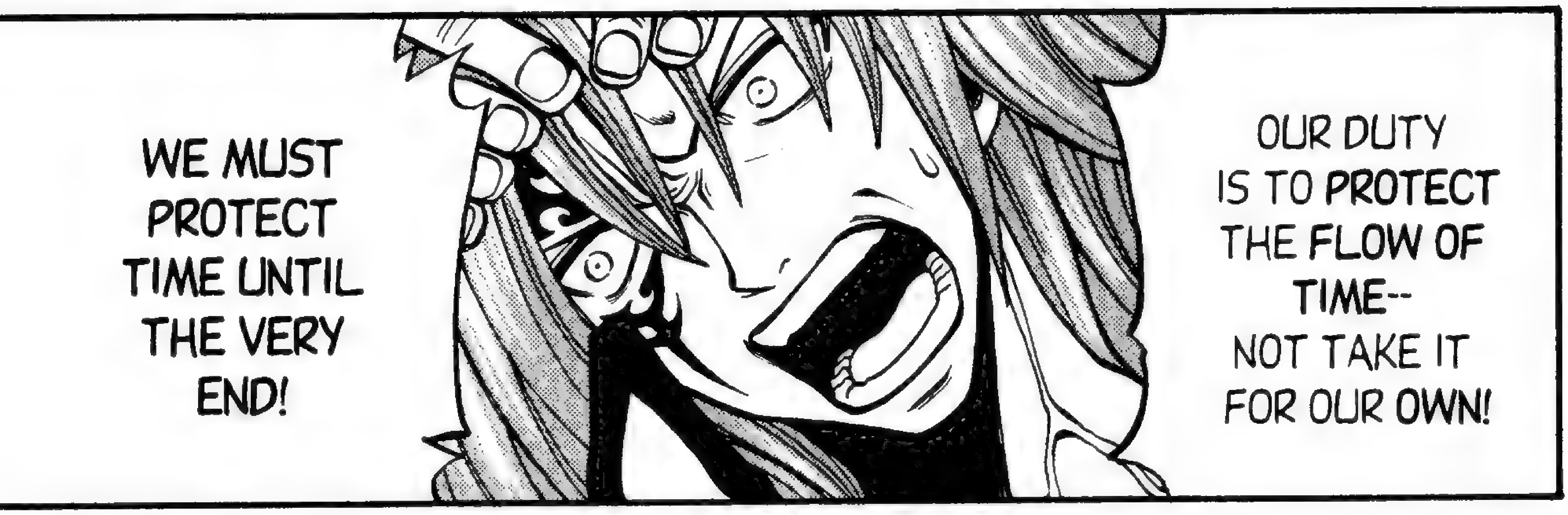
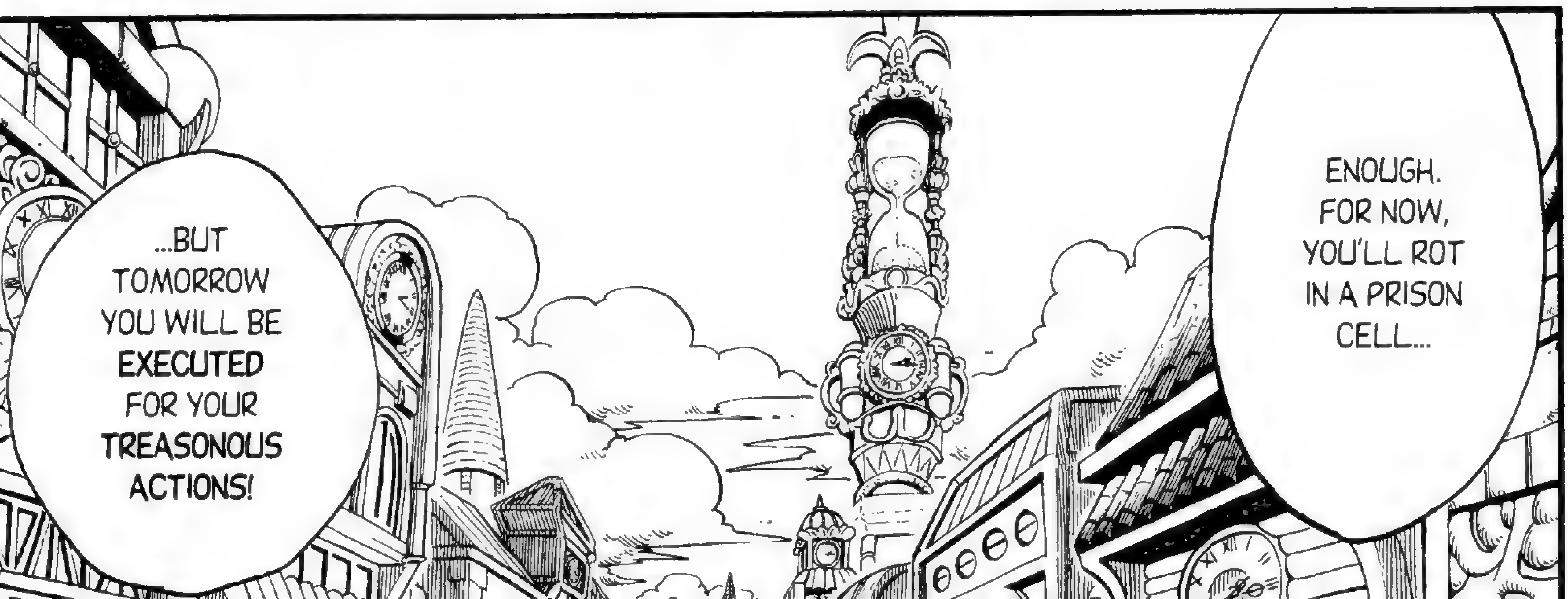
A FEW DAYS AGO...
...ENDLESS REAPPEARED.
ENDLESS?!
THE FORGOTTEN KING HAS AWOKEN?!
DEMON CARD CANNOT TRIUMPH NOW. THEIR WORLD WILL BE DESTROYED.
THIS IS A BATTLE FOR TIME.
WE, THE RULERS OF TIME, CANNOT ALLOW THE OVERTURNING OF ALL HISTORY!
YOU SAY THAT...
...BUT HOW CAN ALTERING THE NATURAL FLOW OF TIME BE ANY MORE FORGIVABLE?!


WE ARE BLESSED, BOY!
WE ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD POSSESS TIME!


OUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF TIME-- NOT TAKE IT FOR OUR OWN!
WE MUST PROTECT TIME UNTIL THE VERY END!


ENOUGH. FOR NOW, YOU'LL ROT IN A PRISON CELL...
...BUT TOMORROW YOU WILL BE EXECUTED FOR YOUR TREASONOUS ACTIONS!

AN INTERIOR FORCE-FIELD...
...AND TWO MAGIC SEALERS OUTSIDE.
MY OPTIONS ARE FEW...
AND MAGIC ISN'T ONE OF THEM.
BUT ONE THOUGHT KEEPS RETURNING TO ME...

THE POWERFUL SORCERER SHAKUMA-- HAJA'S TEACHER.
IS HE WITH MILTZ...OR WITH DC? I DON'T THINK HAJA WOULD FIGHT SHAKUMA...
MASTER MILTZ!
!
BRING OUT SIEG HART.
HUH?
BUT... HE'S TO BE EXECUTED.
UM, SIR? WHY ARE YOU HERE ALONE FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT--
IT'S TIME FOR RELEASING, NOT TIME FOR TALKING!
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO MILTZ!
Y-YES, SIR! RIGHT AWAY!
THIRD PERSON NOW?
COME WITH ME.
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I-IT'S ANOTHER MASTER MILTZ!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
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MIST!!
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MIST?!
THAT'S ILLUSION MAGIC!
ACK! WHY ARE THERE TWO OF ME?!
AND I CAN'T SEE A THING!
RUN FOR IT, SIEG!
WHO ARE YOU?!
THAT ONE'S A FAKE! HE JUST BROKE OUT SIEG!
HOW COULD THAT OAF TRICK YOU?! HE LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME!
S- SORRY, SIR...!
HEE HEE! MY TRANSFORMATION SPELL WORKED LIKE GANGBUSTERS!
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IT CAN'T BE...

NIEBEL!!
HEE!
BEEN A WHILE, HUH?
HI, SIEG!
NIEBEL the Illusionist
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YOU'VE GROWN, NIEBEL.
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS. THAT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SHAPE-CHANGE.
SIEG'S GETTING AWAY!
FIND HIM!
C'MON-- THIS WAY!

I'M GLAD YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, NIEBEL.
HUH?
NIEBEL... I NEED TO KNOW.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS TOWN?
EVERYONE HAS BEEN AFFECTED. EVEN MILTZ, FLICKA AND HILDE.
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...
THEY'VE ALL CHANGED SINCE I LEFT HERE.
IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
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SIEG...
YOU'RE WRONG.
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NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO THE TOWN.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHANGED.
I... I DID?
YEAH. PROBABLY FROM SEEING THE WORLD.
YOU USED TO BE LIKE THEM.
WHEN IT CAME TO TIME...
...YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING!

REMEMBER WHEN YOU LEFT HERE?
YOU SAID YOU'D KILL THE ETHERION GIRL.
I STOPPED, Y'KNOW?
KILLING A GIRL FOR SOME WEIRD REASON JUST FELT...WRONG.
BUT YOU SAID YOU'D DO IT FOR TIME.
EVERYONE HERE IS LIKE YOU USED TO BE.
THEY'RE WILLING TO KILL FRIENDS OR INNOCENT PEOPLE TO PROTECT TIME.
BACK THEN...
...YOU WERE JUST LIKE THE OTHERS.
SO LIKE I SAID-- YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED, SIEG!

I SEE...
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS DIFFERENT.
I LEARNED MANY THINGS THERE...
I MET VARIOUS PEOPLE...
...AND FINALLY LEARNED THE TRUTH.
WELL... I SUPPOSE I'M STILL SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH...
BUT I THINK I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THIS PLACE.
I'M ASHAMED TO THINK I DIDN'T DOUBT ANYTHING BEFORE.

TIME...
A CITY DUTY-BOUND TO PROTECT A NON-CORPORAL CONCEPT.
THE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THAT DUTY'S MORAL SUPERIORITY...
...AND CAN SLAY THE INNOCENT IN PURSUIT OF THAT "JUSTICE."
YEAH... IT ALWAYS SEEMED WEIRD TO ME, TOO.
BUT I'M NOT ORIGINALLY FROM HERE.
AFTER YOU LEFT, I TRIED TALKING TO MILTZ ABOUT IT...
...BUT HE SAID I WAS A TRAITOR.
I COULDN'T LEAVE TOWN, SINCE HE SAID TO KILL ME ON SIGHT.
SO... I'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR TWO YEARS, NOW.
NIEBEL...
I'M SORRY.
NEVER FEAR--THE RUNNING ENDS TODAY, BOYS.
!
WHAT?!
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I'M AFRAID THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE.
UH-OH...
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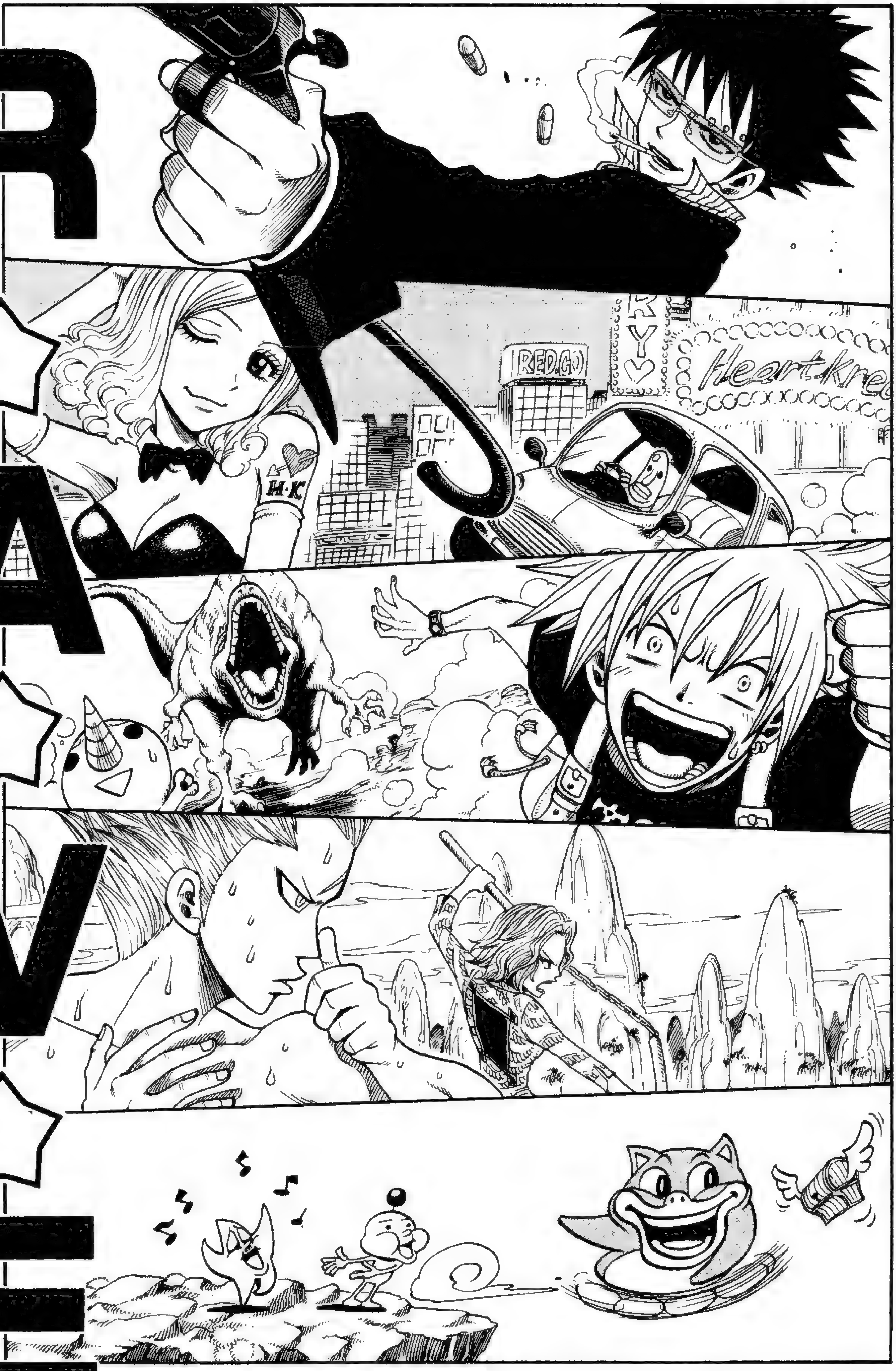
Don't Wait
A THOUSAND OF US THINK YOUR PUNISHMENT'S OVERDUE!

WHAT'LL WE DO, SIEG?!
I'VE COME TO A DECISION.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU...?
I CAN'T RUN FROM THIS.
THIS IS MY FIGHT. FOR MY OWN SAKE.
ARE YOU **CRAZY**?! YOU CAN'T! THESE GUYS ALL KNOW MAGIC--AND NOT TO MENTION MILTZ AND HAJA ARE ON THEIR HEELS!
I'LL SHOW THEM THE TRUE MEANING OF **"GREAT SORCERY."**
NOW **PITY** THESE PEOPLE FOR MAKING ME **ANGRY.**

R☆A☆V☆E MASTER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RAVE:173 ✠ THE JUST REVOLT

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THE ONE STANDING BEFORE US IS THE TRAITOR, MASTER SIEG HART.
DON'T PULL YOUR PUNCHES IF YOU WANNA GET THROUGH THIS.
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THIS IS IT, GUYS!
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US VERSUS HIM! A FIGHT TO THE DEATH!!
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SIEG!!
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A MAGIC BLADE?!
DON'T BACK DOWN!

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ブアアッ
ズババアッ
HEY!!
WHAT THE--?!
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ドゴォォオ
ズガァッ!!!
バババババ…

WHAT THE —?!
WHOA...!
BUT WHY A SWORD?
IF HE USED BIGGER SPELLS, IT'D BE EASIER TO...
HE WON'T CAST ANYTHING MAJOR.
I KNOW! IT'S LIKE HE THINKS HE'S BETTER'N US.
HEY... LET'S USE IT, HILDE.
ALL RIGHT.

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EVEN MASTER SIEG CAN'T WITHSTAND A HIT FROM THIS...!!
COMBINE MAGIC!!
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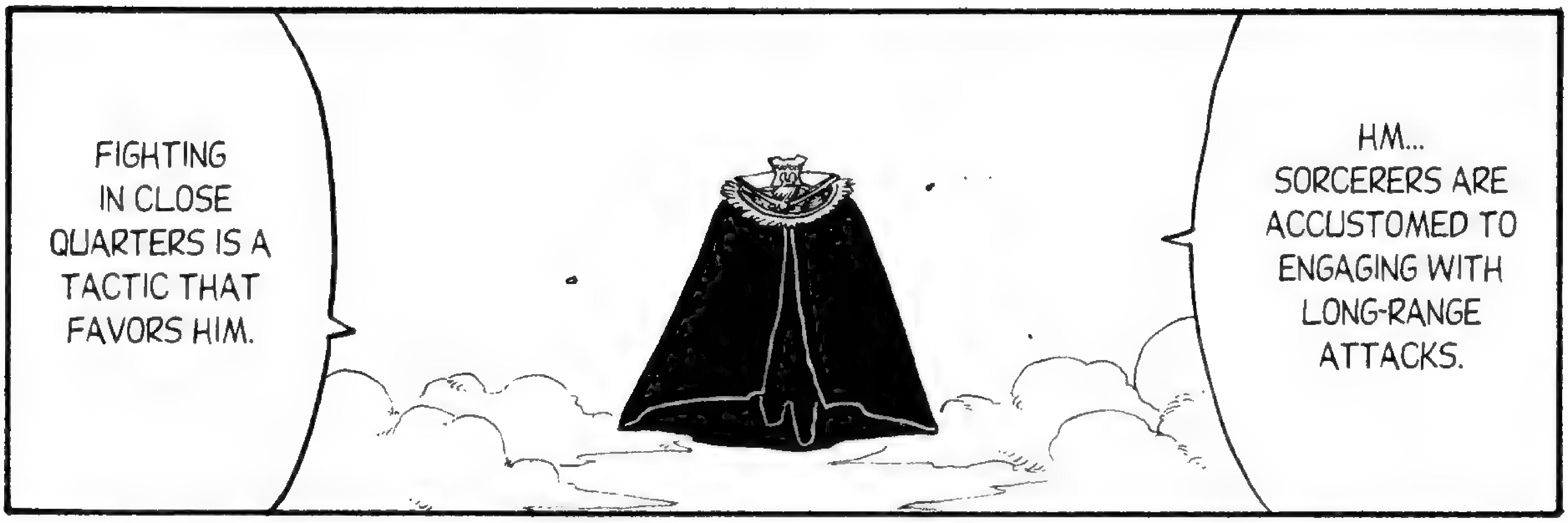
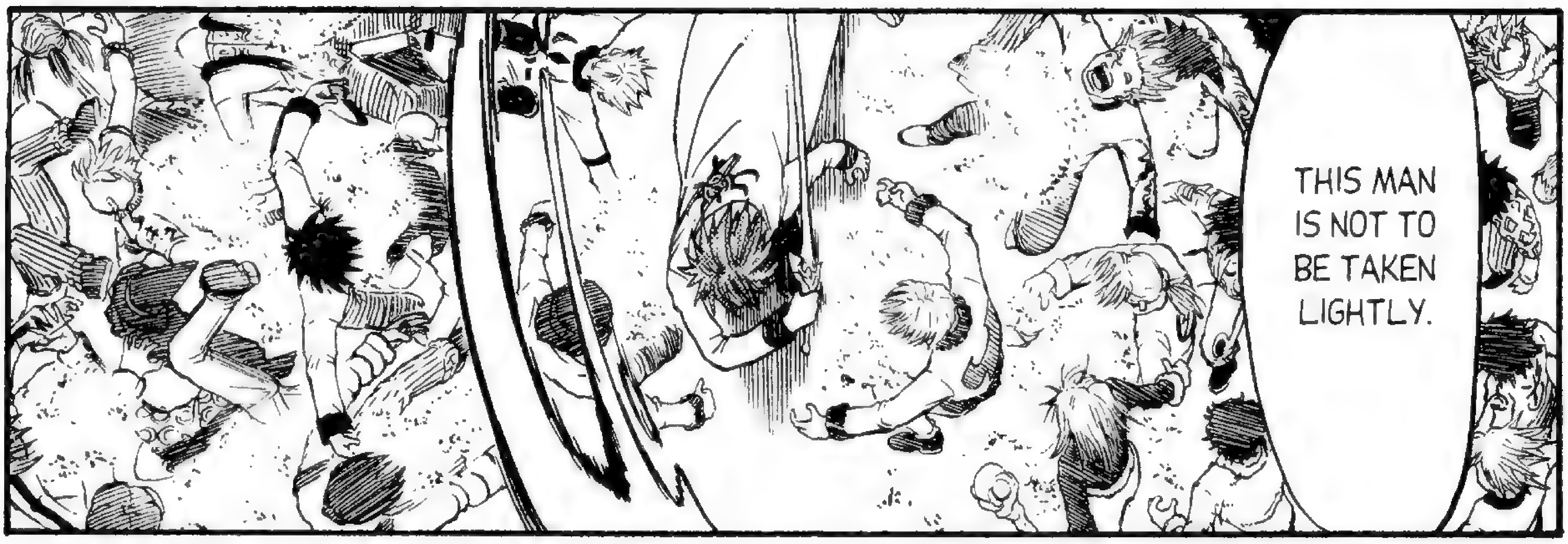
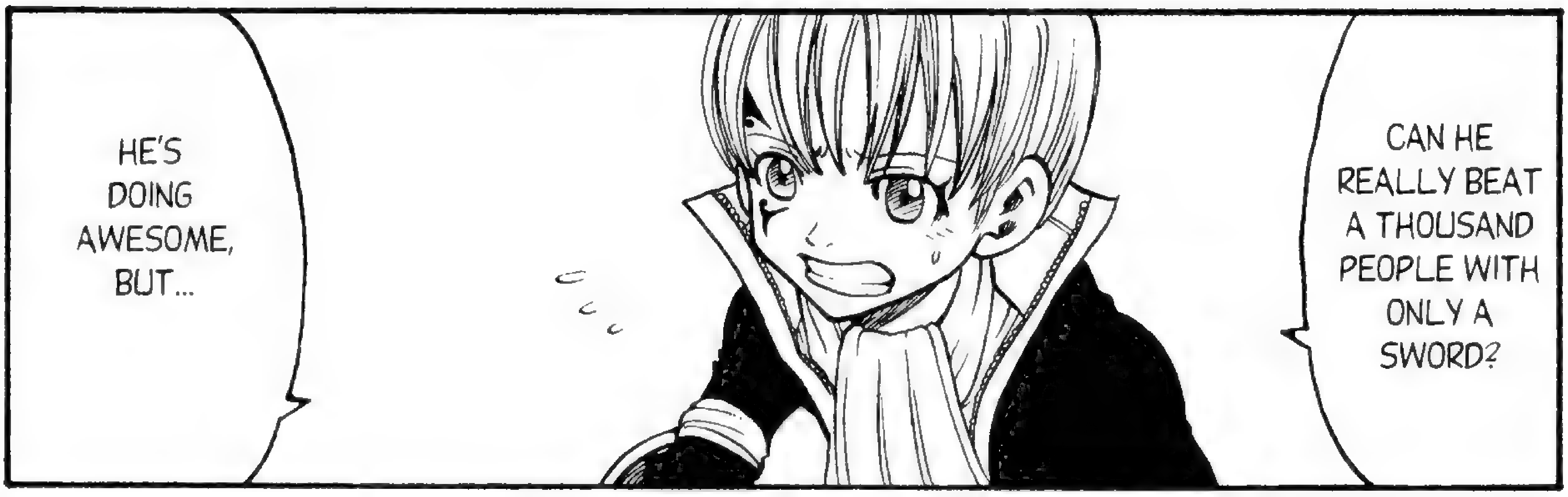
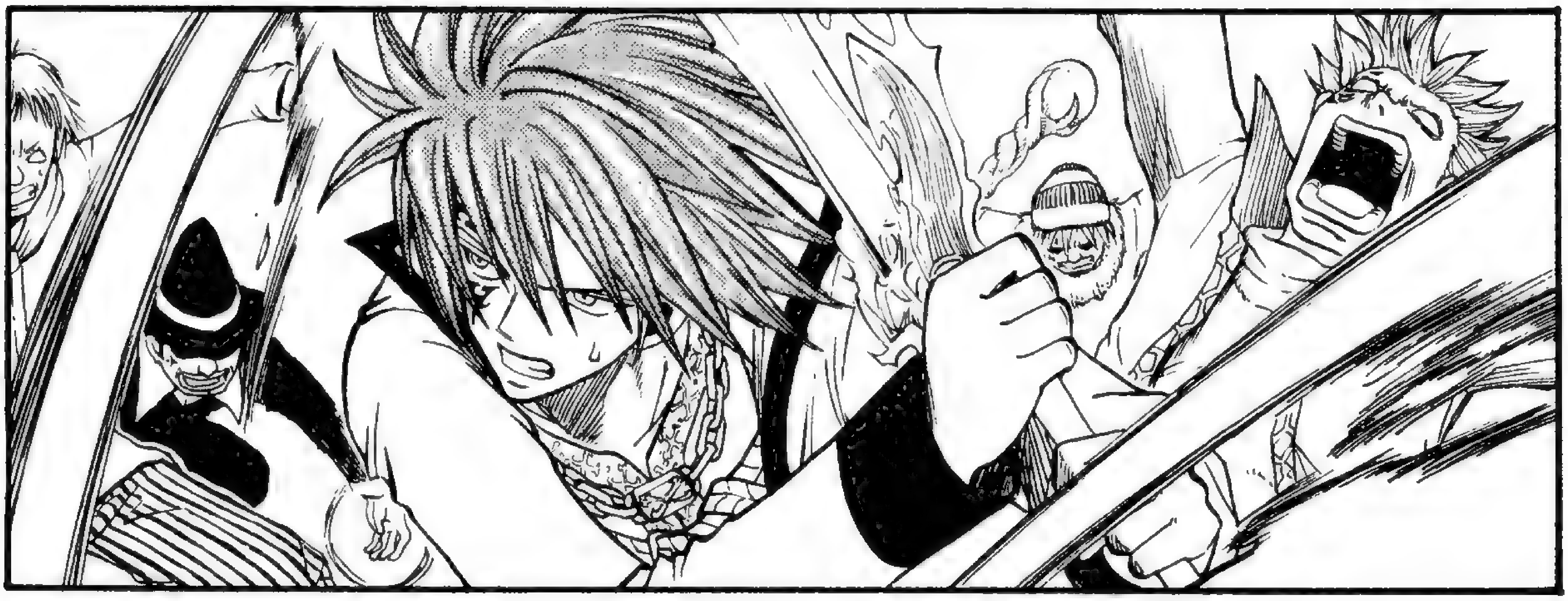
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY.
N-NO WAY!!
HFF!!


HM... SORCERERS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO ENGAGING WITH LONG-RANGE ATTACKS.
FIGHTING IN CLOSE QUARTERS IS A TACTIC THAT FAVORS HIM.


THIS MAN IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.


CAN HE REALLY BEAT A THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH ONLY A SWORD?
HE'S DOING AWESOME, BUT...



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Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
I GUESS SO.
Wow…
THAT WAS… REALLY COOL.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff

IMPRESSIVE. BUT, UNSURPRISINGLY, YOU'VE EXHAUSTED YOURSELF.
WHICH MEANS YOU'RE FINISHED.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Pant
Huff
OH NO...!
MILTZ AND HAJA ARE ALREADY HERE!
N-NIEBEL... GET BACK!
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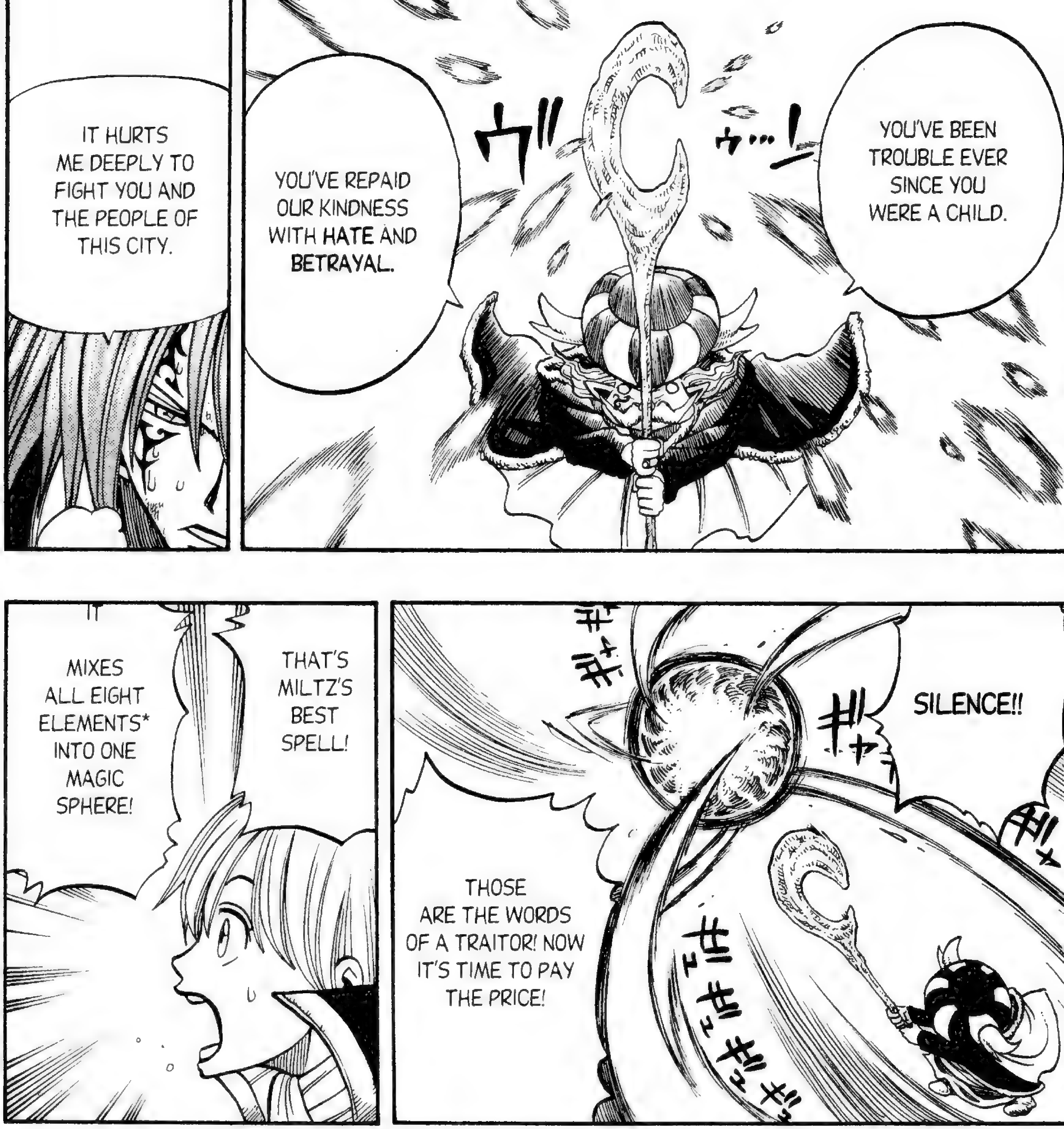
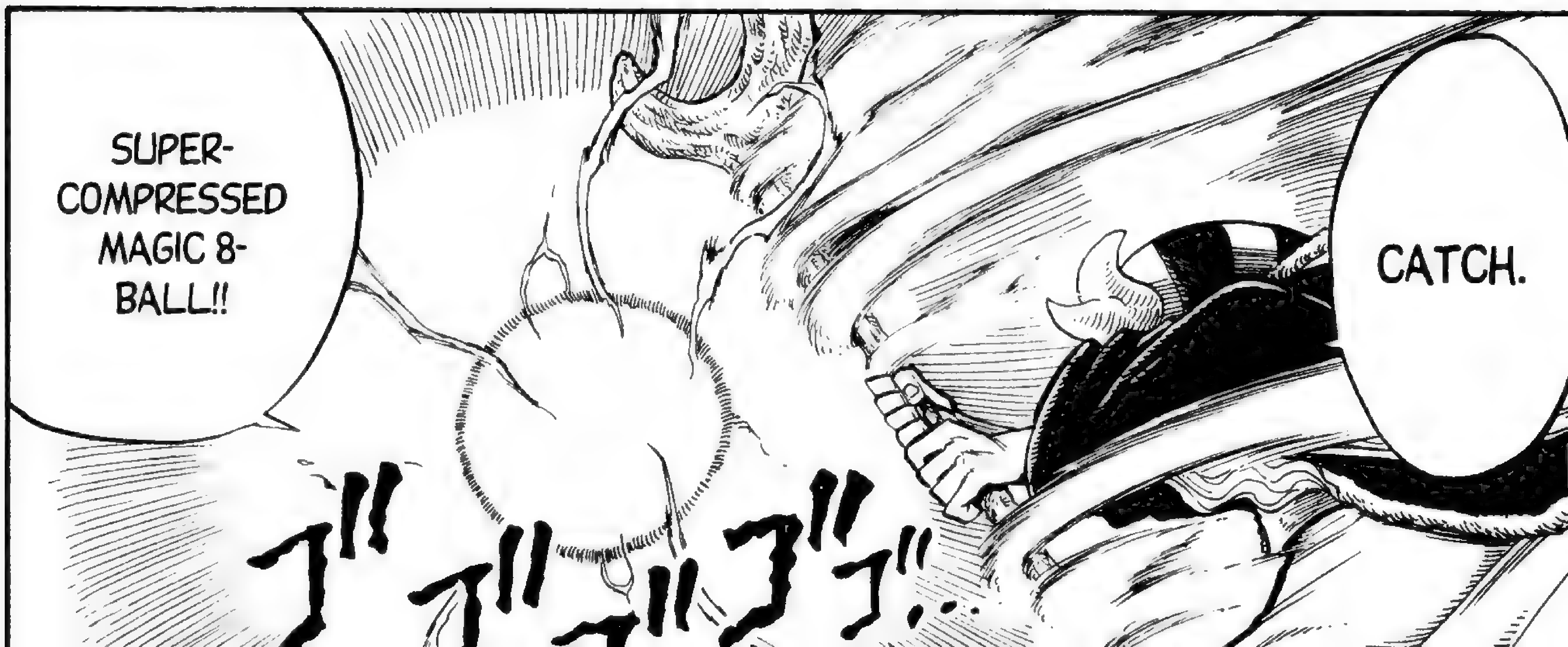
!
SIEG! YOU CAN'T!
THEY'RE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER GUYS PUT TOGETHER!
SHRIK
YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT?
THEN IT IS TIME TO FACE YOU.


YOU'VE BEEN TROUBLE EVER SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD.
YOU'VE REPAID OUR KINDNESS WITH HATE AND BETRAYAL.
IT HURTS ME DEEPLY TO FIGHT YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.
SILENCE!!
THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF A TRAITOR! NOW IT'S TIME TO PAY THE PRICE!
THAT'S MILTZ'S BEST SPELL!
IT MIXES ALL EIGHT ELEMENTS* INTO ONE MAGIC SPHERE!

*EIGHT ELEMENTS: FIRE, WATER, WIND, EARTH, LIGHTNING, SEA, LIGHT, DARKNESS


CATCH.
SUPER-COMPRESSED MAGIC 8-BALL!!

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ふらふらっ
Huff Huff
Huff Huff
YAAAAAAAAAH!!
ズギャー
BUCKLE
SIEG!!
GLINT
シュ!!

WH...
HUH?!
THIS CAN'T BE...!!

HE CUT SUCH A SPELL WITH A MERE MAGICAL SWORD?
MILTZ HAS FALLEN WITH ONE BLOW!
Hah
Hah
Hah
Hah
Huff...
Hah...
Fff...
WHAT?! WHY ARE HIS MAGIC AND ENDURANCE RESTORED?!
NO... SOMETHING IS AMPLIFYING HIM!
HIS MAGIC POWER IS RISING.
THEN THAT SWORD...
NOW I GET IT!

THAT'S THE ABSORBING MAGIC SWORD, TICKOVER!

THAT BLADE STEALS THE MAGIC OF THOSE IT DEFEATS.
SO THE SWORD'S USING THE POWER OF THE WHOLE CITY!
THAT'S AMAZING, SIEG!
I WILL USE THIS TO DEFEAT YOU, HAJA.
NOW, AT LAST, I'M ABLE.
INTERESTING. THIS WILL BE QUITE THE MAGICAL BATTLE.
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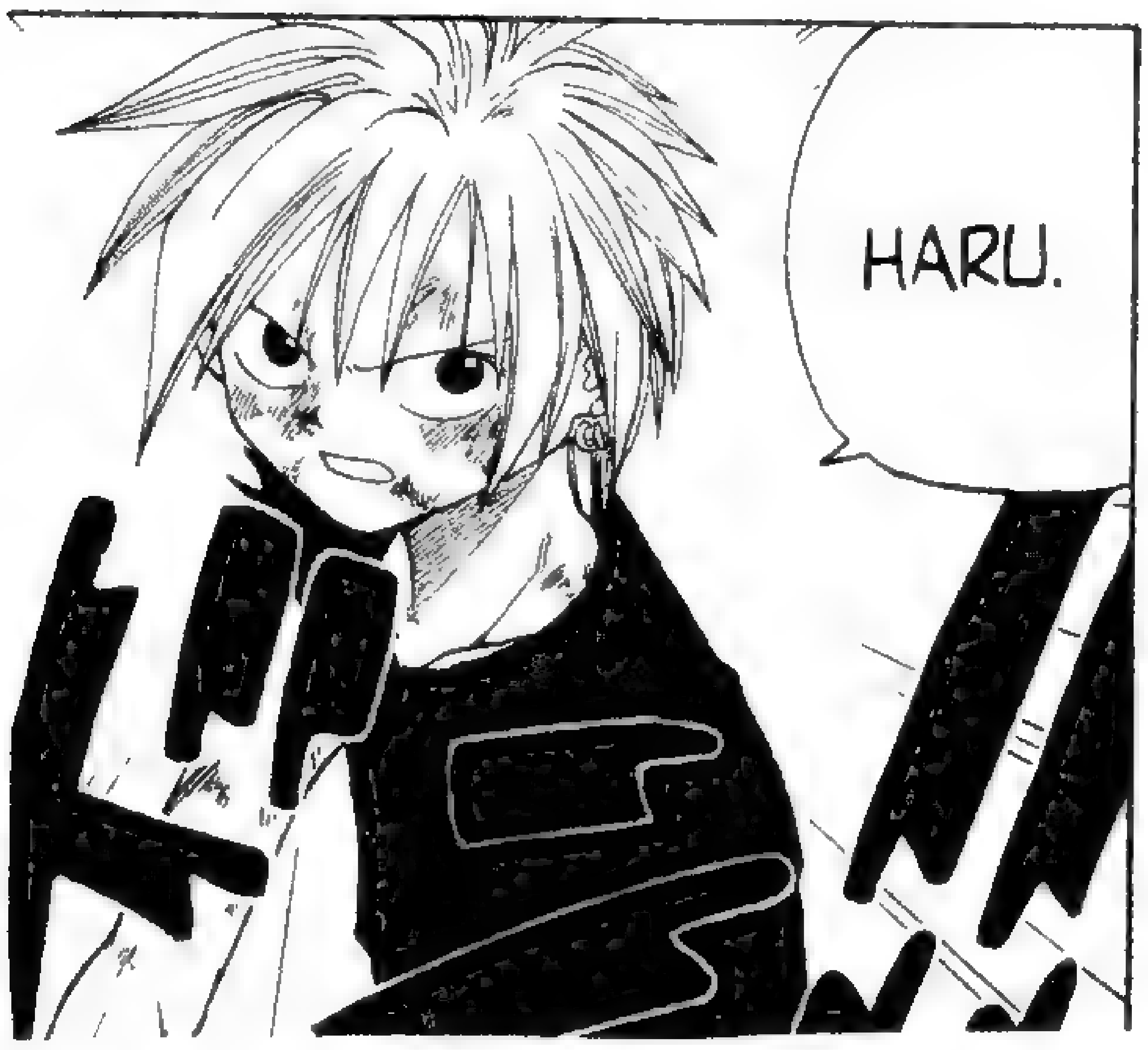
IT WILL.
SORCERERS ARE PERPETUAL STUDENTS.
TODAY, BOY, YOU WILL LEARN THAT A SINGLE MAN, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL, CANNOT STAND AGAINST HAJA THE INFINITE!

TO BE CONTINUED

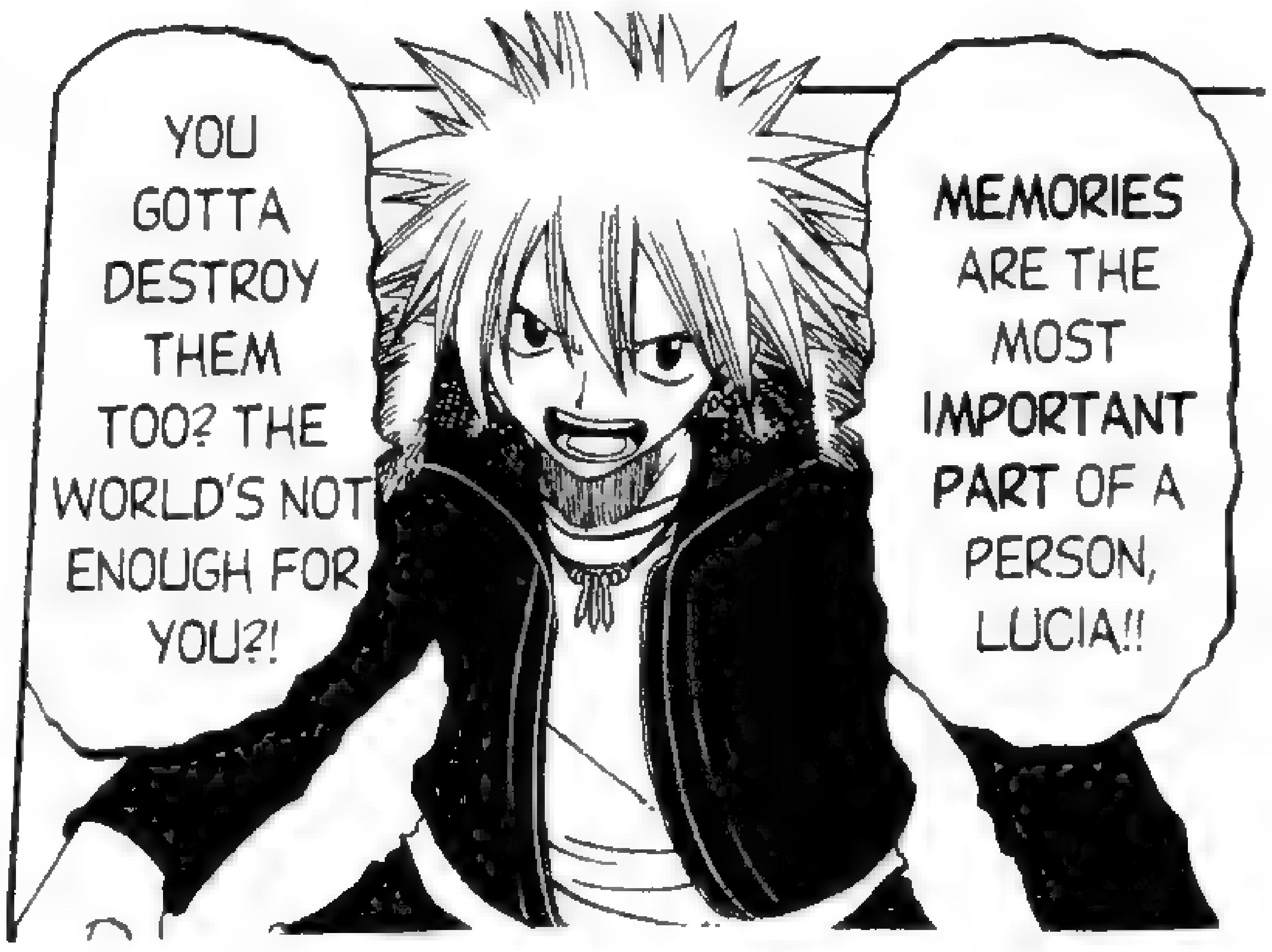
RAVE MASTER PASSES THE 20-VOLUME MARK! THEN AND NOW!

I thought it'd be fun to have some Before & After pics.

Vol. 1 Haru

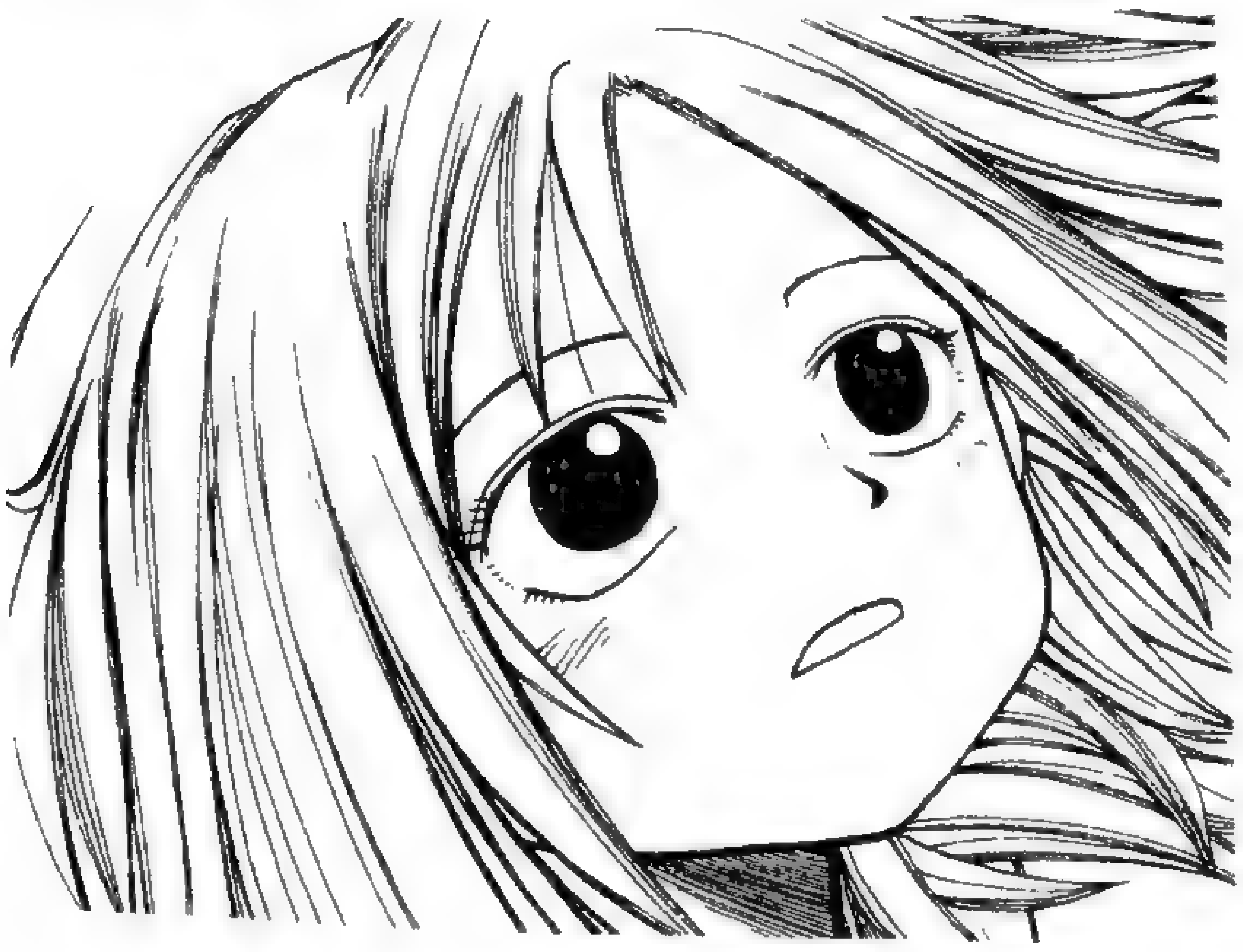


Vol. 20 Haru


MEMORIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A PERSON, LUCIA!!
YOU GOTTA DESTROY THEM TOO? THE WORLD'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?!

He's become a little more adult over time--remember when he used to always cry out for his sister? His hair's pretty different these days, too.

Vol. 2 Elie



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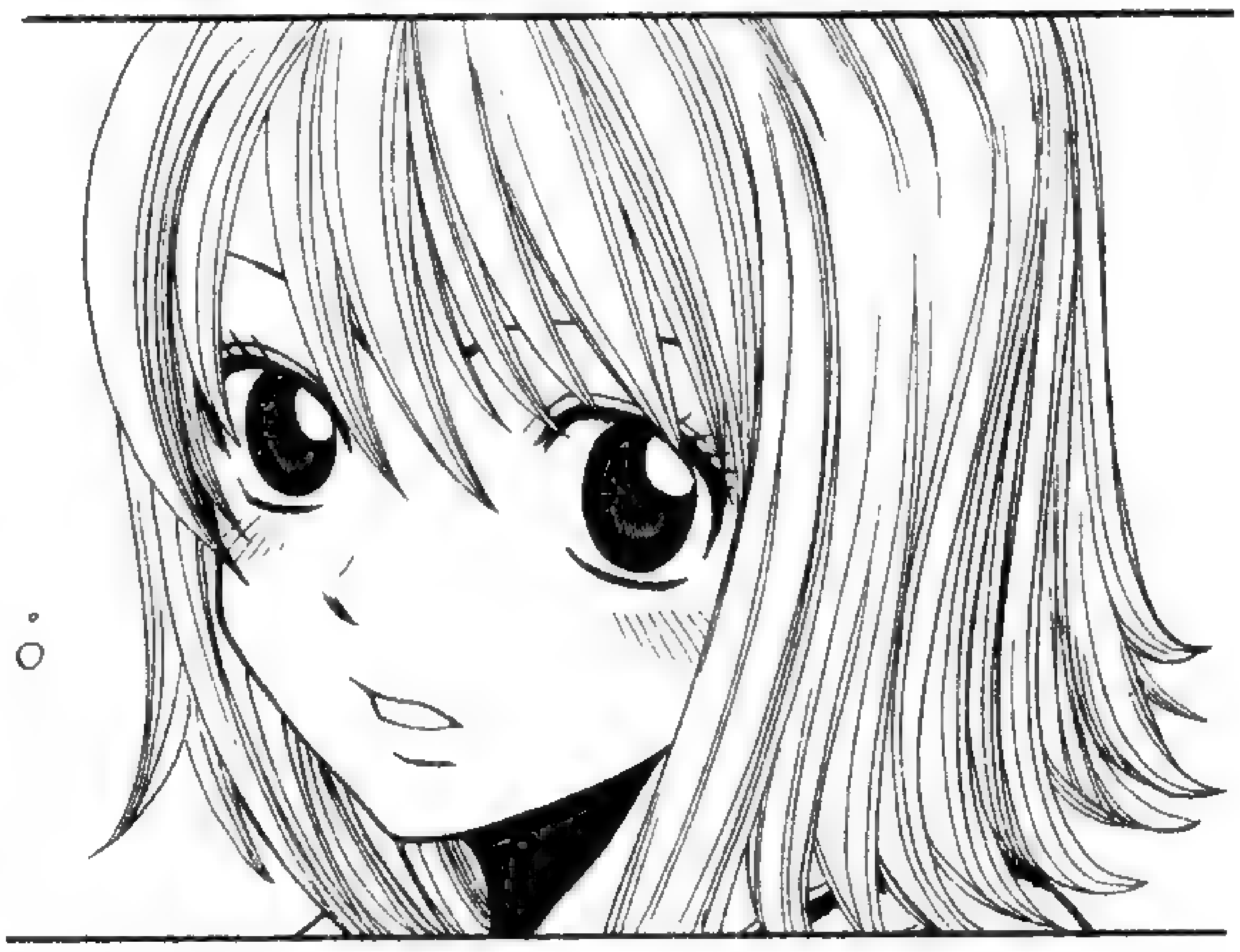
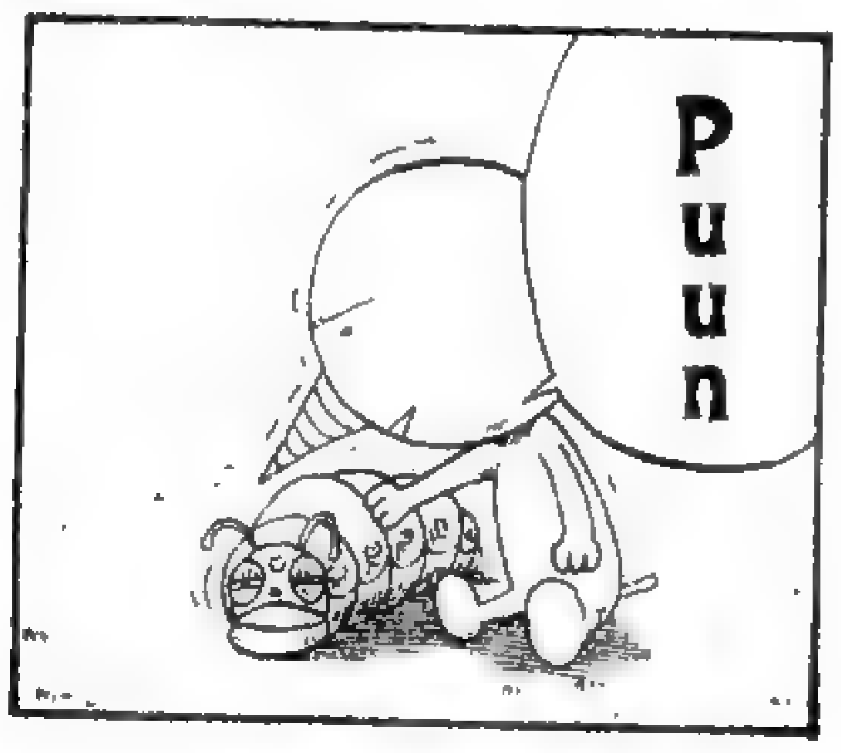
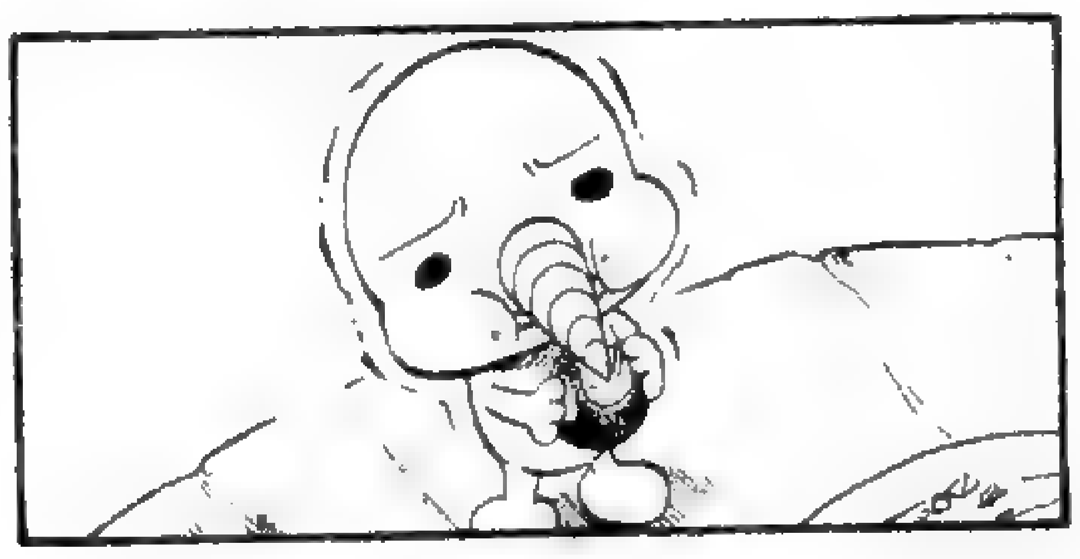


I think she's cuter now. She may have changed the most (in appearance) out of all the characters. Her old look was... embarrassingly bad. Hmm--looks like her chest's grown.

Vol. 1 Plue



Vol. 20 Plue



His eyes used to be smaller, and his torso was longer. I think he's better at showing what he's thinking now.

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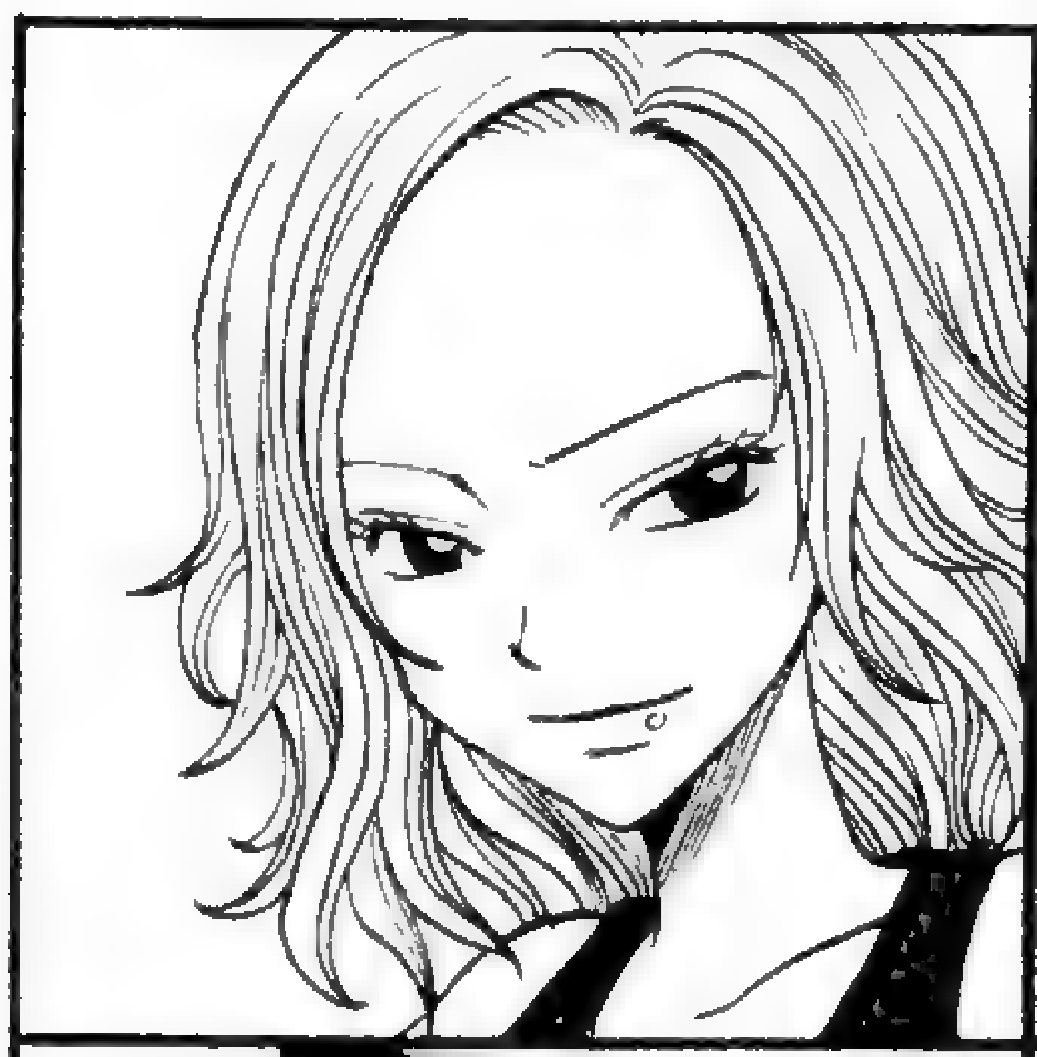
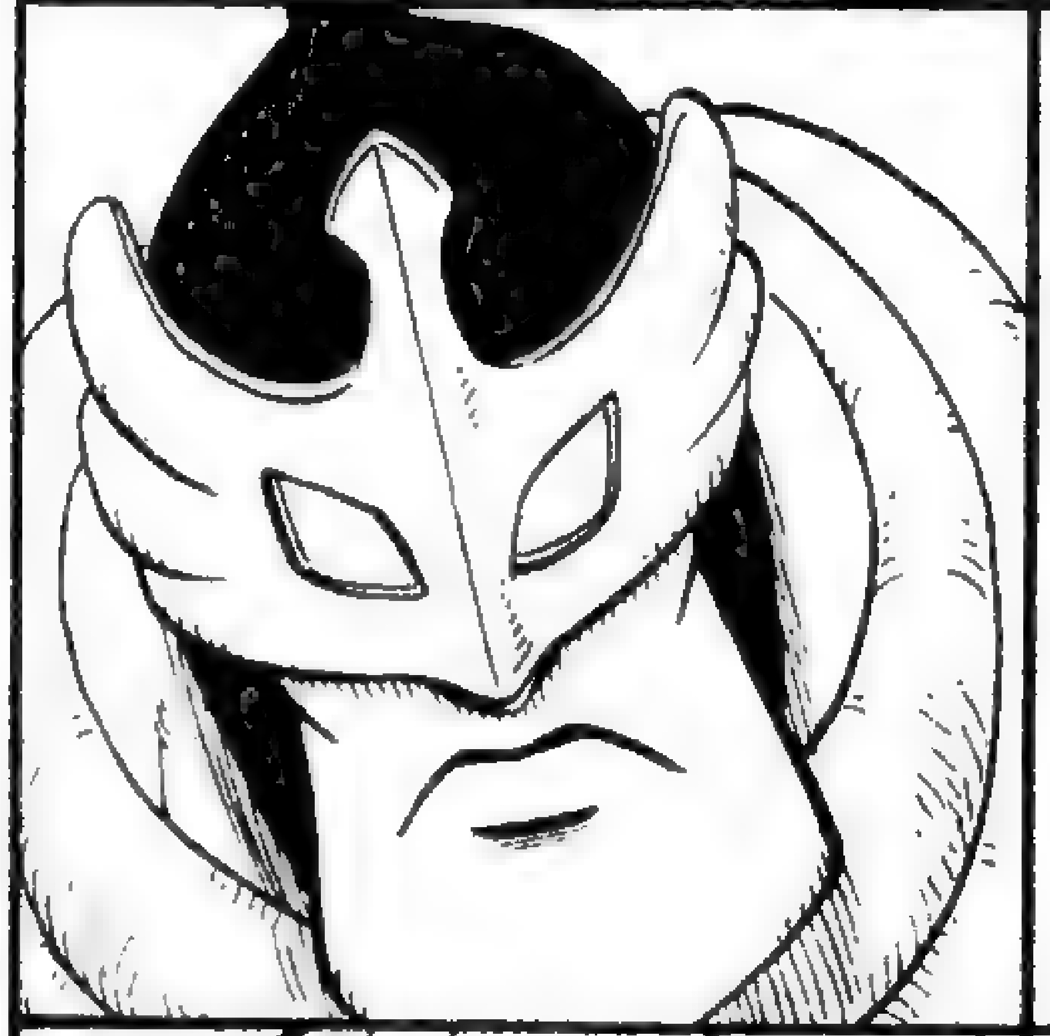


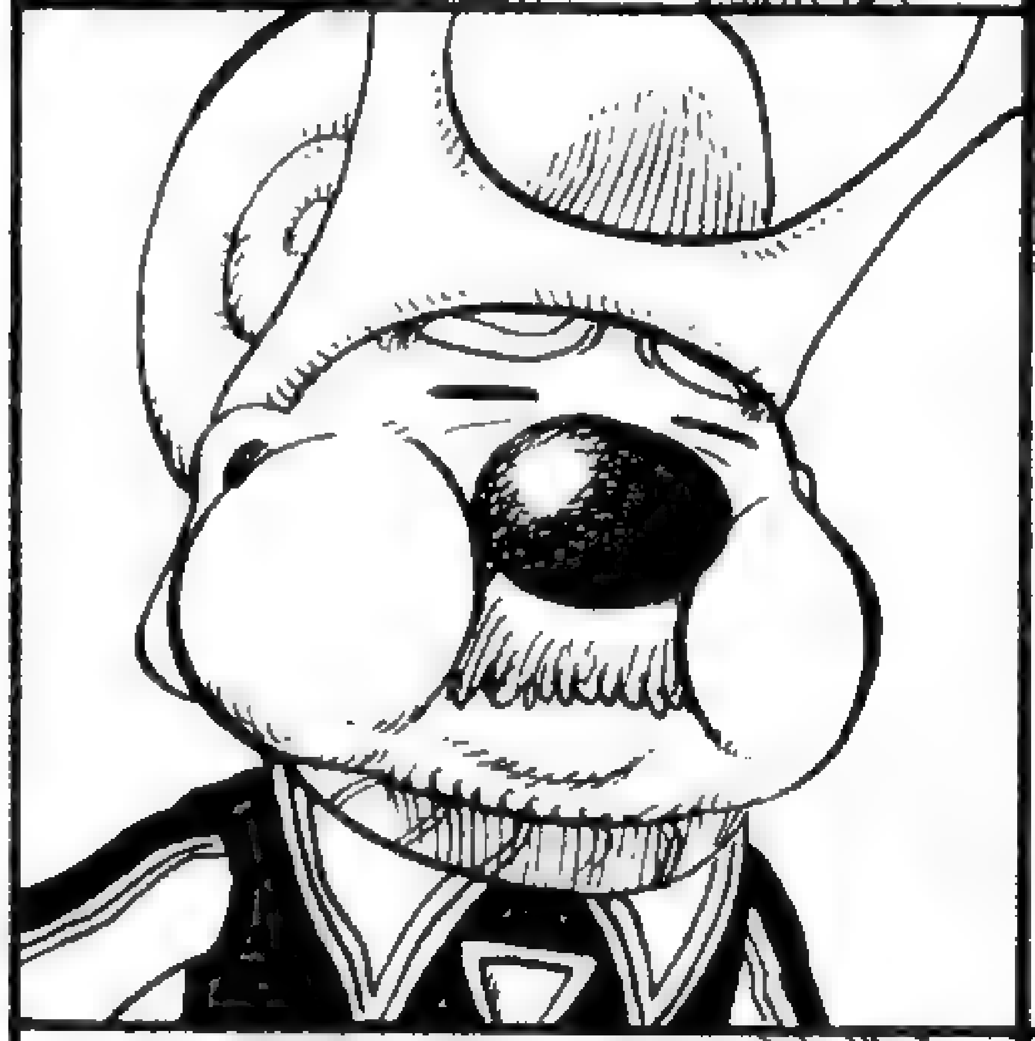
Dragon Race: Julia

1) Bare-handed
2) 0045, April 22nd/Age 21
3) 162cm/51kg/unknown
4) Mystic Realm - Breya Village
5) Dance
6) Arguments
7) Let, nature
8) Boredom



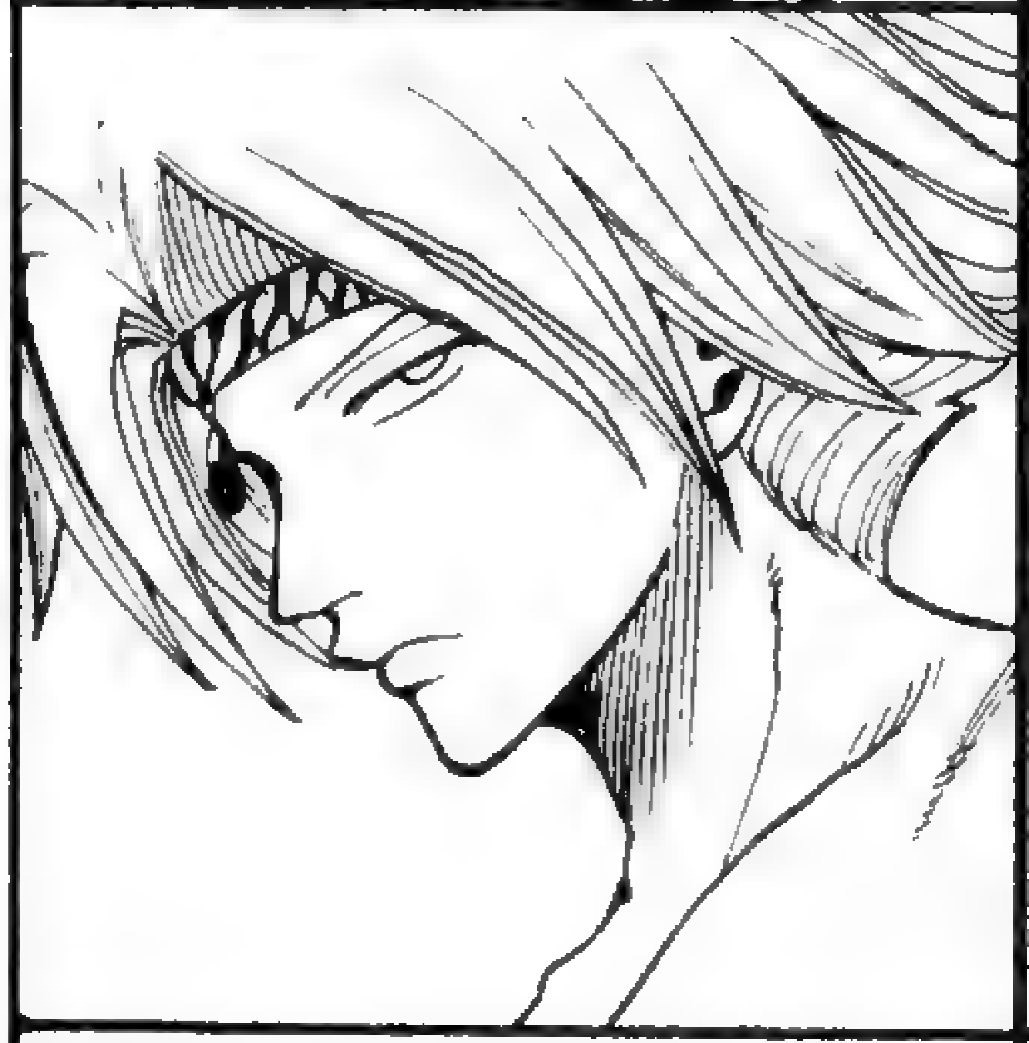
The White Flame: Lazenby

1) Fire Bond
2) 0034, Jan 6th/Age 33
3) 216cm/147kg/Type B
4) Melicanna Kingdom
5) Protecting the Little Ones
6) Those who bully the weak
7) Justice
8) Evil



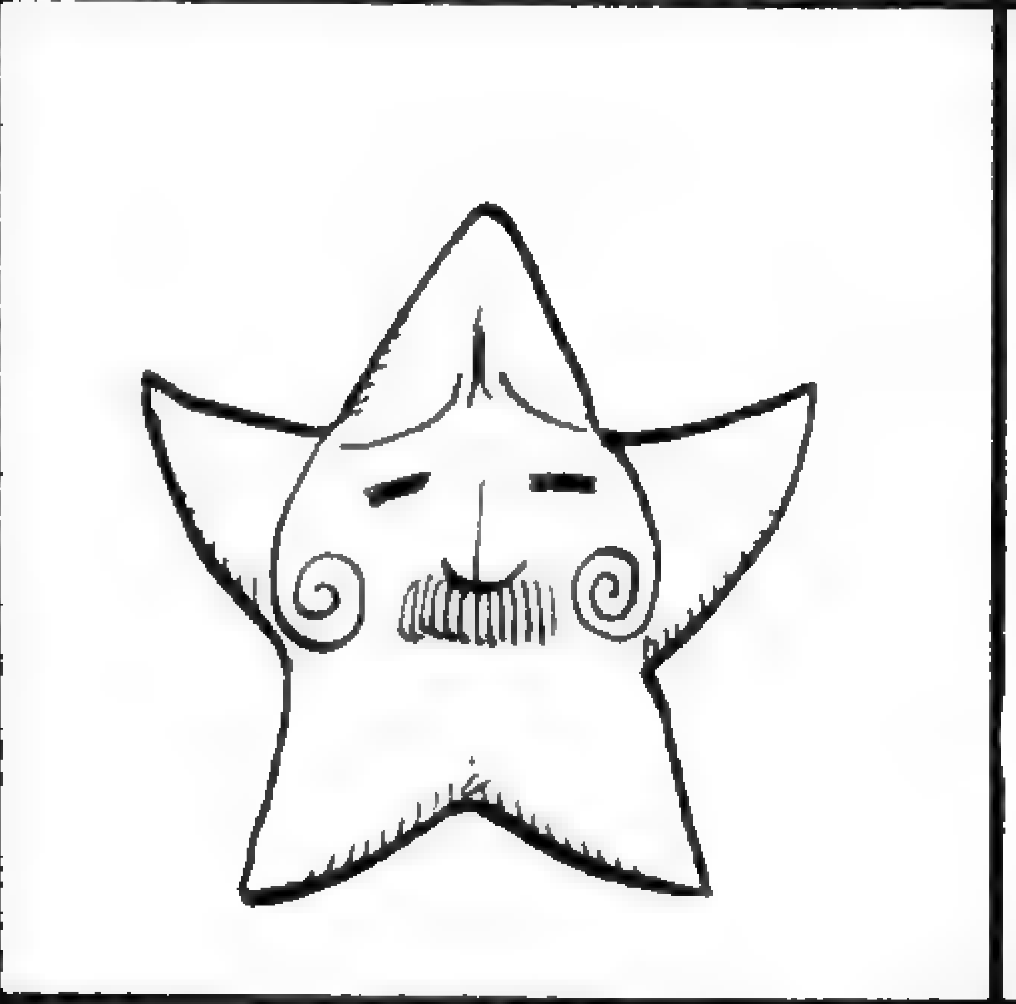
Gale's Foster Father: Evermary

1) None
2) 0002, August 30/Age 64
3) 123cm/31kg/Type O
4) Unknown - Star Vestige Cave
5) Thievery
6) Cooking
7) Apples
8) Endless (wrecked his pad)



New Oracion Six Member: Deep Snow

1) Oracion Six DB (Zero Stream) Type 56 DB
2) 0056, December 11th/Age 10 (due to growth 2.5 times normal, appears to be Age 25)
3) 178cm/68kg/Type A
4)Hardcore Mountains
5) Watching Rivers
6) Spying
7) King
8) Dr. Igor Kilkila



Bony the Starfish

1) None
2) 0025, March 3rd/Age 47
3) 12cm/310g/Unknown
4) Mildesta
5) Creature comforts
6) Swimming
7) Mermaids, the Sea
8) Lazenby, Plue (they think he's tasty)

How to Read This Data --

1) Weapon 2) Date of birth/age
3) Height/weight/blood type 4) Birthplace
5) Interests 6) Talents 7) Likes 8) Dislikes

ABOUT THE CHARACTERS

Julia's "eyes" are different from those of the other women. I kinda like them. It's not good for every female character to have the same face, hair and color as Elie, after all. I'll be making more females with special characteristics from here on out.

Lazenby's ended up tagging along with Haru & Co. for now. **(^_^)** And yeah, I completely modeled him after an American comic hero. It's not like there's anything special about him, but after I drew him, I took a liking to him. I'll give him a little to do after Sieg's "People of Time" bit. But just a **little** to do.

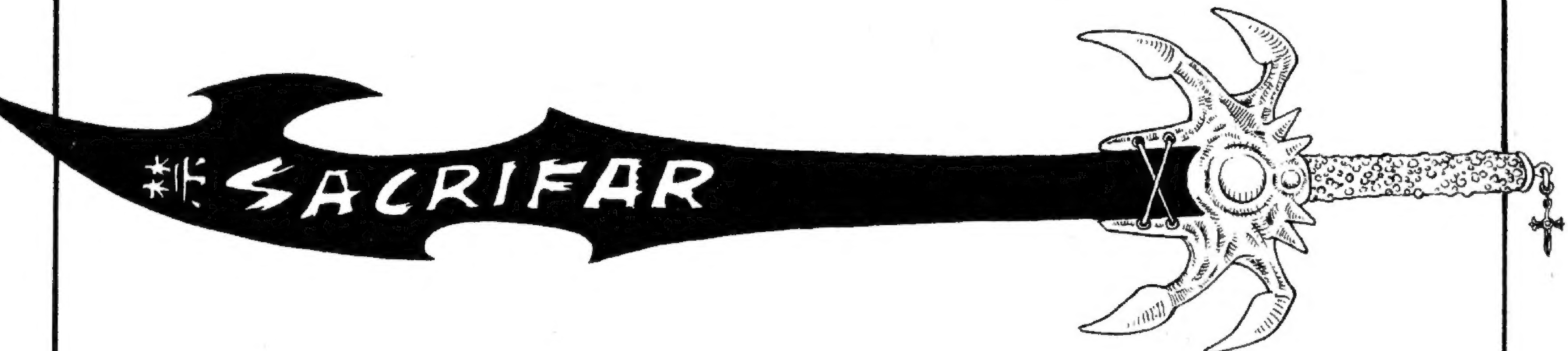
Evermary's a global historian type. He obviously knows stuff because of the Star Vestige crystals, but he may still be hiding things from our heroes. While I tried to make him reasonably dramatic, the apple thing still makes him a weirdo.

Deep Snow is more popular than I expected, considering all the fan mail that asked for me to bring him back. The Shuda vs. Deep Snow fight featured two "cool" characters battling fiercely while throwing dramatic one-liners. Yours truly was also surprised by this. **(^_^)** He's different from the others, right? I realized that when the story hit the graphic novel format after serialization. Oh, btw, the name "Deep Snow"...I was planning to use it for Rosa (remember her, from the Village of Rain?). But I figured that using the name "Deep Snow" for a woman in an episode all about rain wasn't a good call, so I changed it. Then I got to do a cool episode about how King gave Deep Snow his name.

I like Bony, too. I brought him out as an assistant during the Star Song Festival and decided he'd make a good companion. I'm not sure everyone else got that impression at the time, though. He's basically there as **my** assistant, see. **(^_^)** I draw him with affection each and every time. Maybe he'll actually prove useful someday.

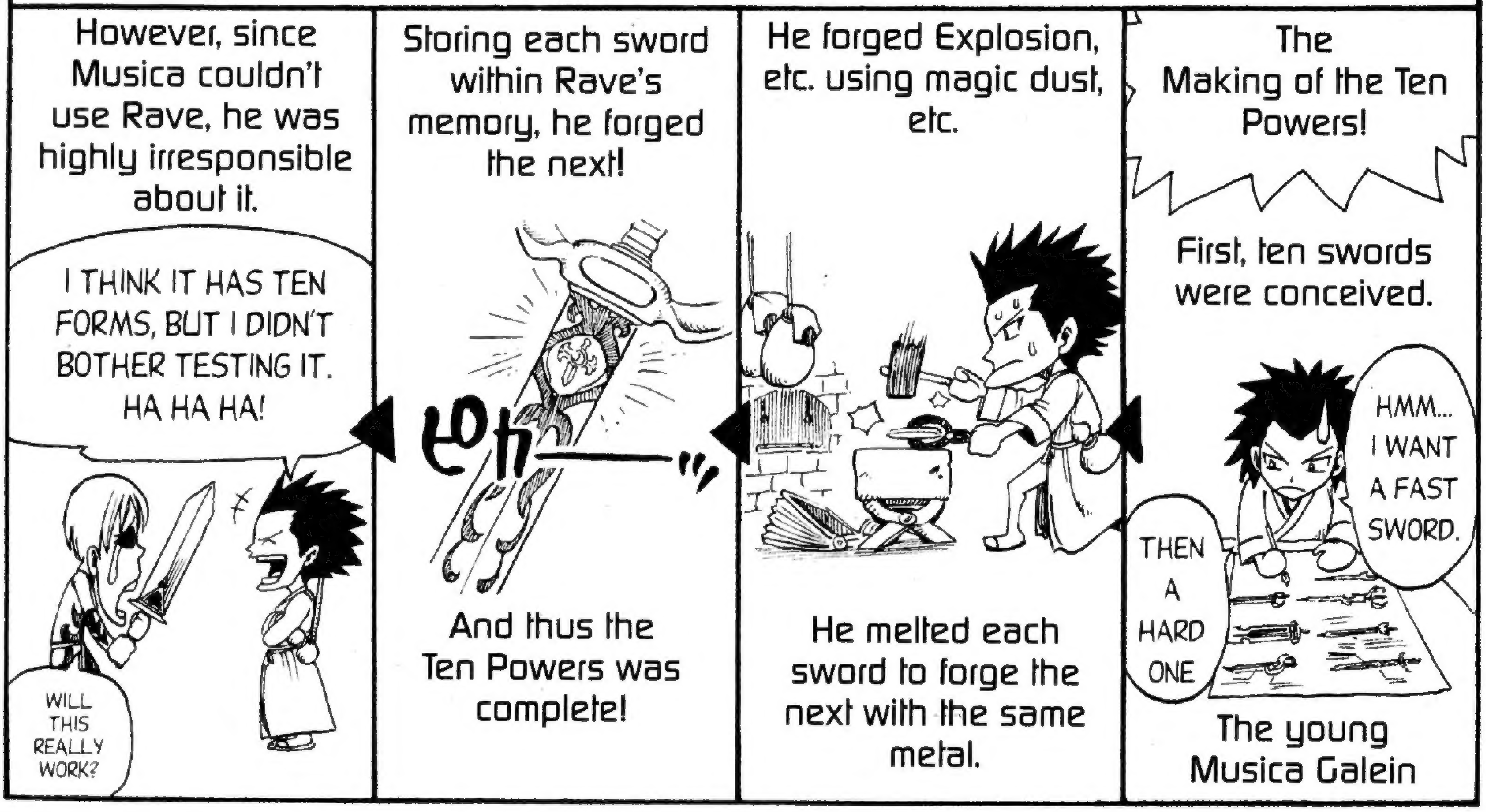
The Ten Powers Sword #5

9. Sword of Carnage/SACRIFAR



A Demon Sword. Sacrifar is a frightening blade that trades the user's emotion and will for the power of Carnage. Shiba also used this sword once, but Plue stopped him.

With Sacrifar out of the way, that only leaves one Ten Powers form remaining. What will the final sword be?


The Making of the Ten Powers!
First, ten swords were conceived.
HMM... I WANT A FAST SWORD.
THEN A HARD ONE
The young Musica Galein
He forged Explosion, etc. using magic dust, etc.
He melted each sword to forge the next with the same metal.
Storing each sword within Rave's memory, he forged the next!
ピカーー''
And thus the Ten Powers was complete!
However, since Musica couldn't use Rave, he was highly irresponsible about it.
I THINK IT HAS TEN FORMS, BUT I DIDN'T BOTHER TESTING IT. HA HA HA!
WILL THIS REALLY WORK?

Levin Minds the House

#17 - Goodbye Ball

NAKAJIMA, LET'S PLAY SPORT! ER... IF YOU CAN DO THAT.
OF COURSE I CAN! GOODBYE BALLS IS MY SPECIALTY
GOODBYE WHAT?
ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE.
GOOOOOOD...
...BYYYYYE!
WOW-- THE BALL DISAPPEARED!
TO HERE.
ごぽっ
GRODY!
AND THAT, MY BOY IS A HAT TRICK.
NUH-UH!
FEEL FREE TO BEAT ME WITH A HOME RUN.
LETS SEE IT.
Oh, and you lose points for wiping it off.
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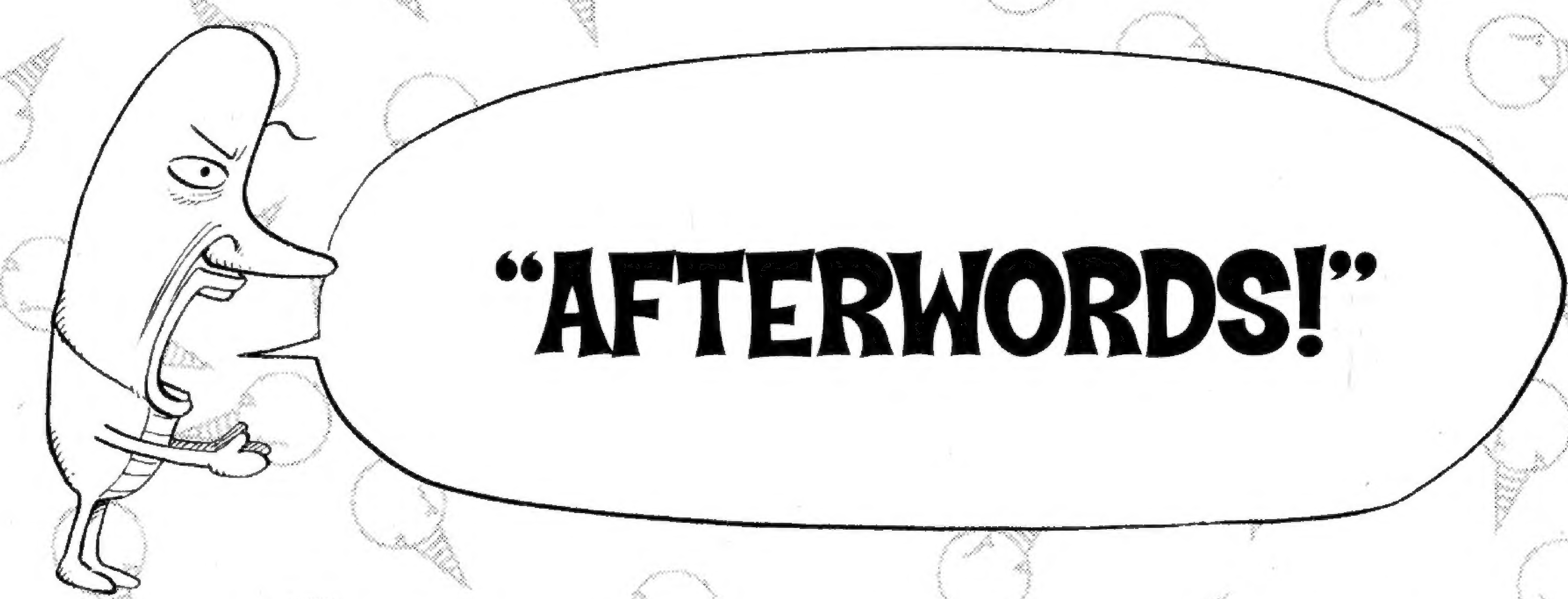
NO WAY! AND I COULDN'T ANYWAY.
IS THIS REALLY A SPORT?


"AFTERWORDS!"

UM, THAT CHARACTER IS "ROSIE" FROM "PLUE'S DOG DIARIES," ANOTHER MANGA I'M WORKING ON. ROSIE'S A CATERPILLAR (WITH A SINGLE HAIR). PLUE'S THE MAIN CHARACTER, BUT ROSIE KINDA TAKES THE LEAD. THE STORY IS MORE INTERESTING THAN RAVE MASTER...AT LEAST, IN MY OPINION.

AT ITS CURRENT PACE, "PLUE'S DOG DIARIES," OR "PLU-DOG" FOR SHORT, WILL HAVE ENOUGH PAGES FOR A FULL GRAPHIC NOVEL IN ABOUT...THREE YEARS. (^_^) WELL, BE PATIENT. I WONDER IF IT'LL EVEN GET THAT FAR.

ANYWAY, ENOUGH OF THAT. LET'S TALK ABOUT VOL. 21!

FIRST OF ALL, ENDLESS FINALLY SHOWED UP. ISN'T HE A TOTAL BEAST? ALTHOUGH I GUESS AT LEAST SOME OF YOU EXPECTED THAT. I ONLY DECIDED ON WHAT HE'D LOOK LIKE RECENTLY--I THOUGHT I'D MAKE HIM SOME SORT OF WEIRD GUY MADE OUT OF LIGHT. ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN DECIDING ON CHARACTERS AT THE LAST MINUTE A LOT LATELY. ER, AND PLEASE FORGIVE THE FACT THAT NIEBEL AND LEVIN HAVE ROUGHLY THE SAME HEIGHT, HAIRSTYLE, AND ALL THAT. (^^;)

IN THE "PEOPLE OF TIME" ARC, SIEG FINALLY GETS A SHOT AT BEING THE MAIN CHARACTER--FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY. IT'S LIKE THOSE JIGGLE BUTT GANG CHAPTERS.

MAN, I HAVEN'T DRAWN THOSE GUYS LATELY, HAVE I? ...WANNA SEE MORE OF THEM?

HIRO MASHIMA